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Read elsewhere in this issue brother E. C. Williams' announcement of S. S. Workers' Conferences at Grenada Jan. 13-14 and at McComb Jan. 14-15.

Rev. L. D. Wood, a graduate student in the Southwestern Baptist Seminary, has been called to the Westmoreland Baptist Church in Dallas, Texas, and is living on the field.

An effort will be made by the family of Dr. and Mrs. P. I. Lipsey to make personal response to all who have recently shown them such kindness. We are deeply grateful to this multitude of friends.

Brother Bryan Simmons began his work for the Baptist Orphanage on Jan. 1. He will make his headquarters at the Orphanage and will do evangelistic work in connection with his work of securing aid for the children.

Iowa Baptists, at least some of them, are not exactly like Mississippi Baptists, although their papers bear the same name. An item in their paper records the ordination to the ministry of Miss Violet Heefner, by Galilee Church of Des Moines.

For the first time in twenty years all of the children of the editor were together for a few days with their father and mother, being brought together by the illness of the mother to whom they were sincerely devoted.

Dr. M. E. Dodd, pastor of First Church, Shreveport, and his wife are starting for an airplane trip to all the mission stations of Southern Baptists in South America. Here is a parting word from him: "Mrs. Dodd and I are making this airplane circuit of South America through the generosity of our beloved church in Shreveport and as an expression of our own deep and abiding interest in the missionary enterprise. We shall be strengthened and comforted in the consciousness of being undergirded and upheld by the prayers of our friends."

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## LELAND BAPTIST CHURCH

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### TO THE MEMBERS OF THE LELAND BAPTIST CHURCH:

With this issue our church joins that ever increasing list of churches who are sending the Baptist Record into every home in the congregation. The unified budget for 1938 which you have adopted and over-subscribed will take care of the expense involved in this new venture. We feel that in sending this religious periodical into your home each week we are bringing you the very latest missionary information as to the progress of Christ's kingdom in our own state and around the world. Here is a publication that will appeal to every member of the family. To many of you the weekly advent of the Record will only be the continued visits of a very dear friend. In many homes it will mean the forming of an acquaintance. We would make the following requests of those to whom the paper is addressed:

1. Find time to read the paper each week, thereby setting the right example for other members of the family.
2. See that the paper is made available to every member of the family and other Baptists who may be residing in your home.
3. Notify the church office immediately if it is necessary to make any change in address.

Your pastor,

E. H. Westmoreland

### GOOD CITIZENSHIP

By B. L. Davis

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The Year 1938 has inherited serious problems from the year that went before. Grave issues remain unsettled. The current business "recession" threatens to become another depression. The distressing problems of unemployment and lowered production are over-shadowed by the graver evils of legalized liquor and other destructive vices, and by the constant threat that we may become embroiled in another terrible war.

In accepting the editor's invitation to submit an article, I feel that I could make no greater contribution, in the light of these conditions, than to emphasize the need for a quickened sense of civic responsibility among our people, and for wide-spread earnest prayer that leaders and people may be able to cooperate as good citizens in solving all problems.

Good citizenship, important under any form of government, is especially important in a democracy, in which the responsibility for government rests equally upon all the people, and in which our decisions as citizens materially affect our businesses, our schools, our homes, and even to a large extent our private lives.

The successful operation of the democratic system has four elementary requirements: First, that people who vote must be able to think clearly and intelligently; second, that their thinking must be in the interest of the public good and not for private gain; third, that voters must elect to public office only those who are able and willing to lead in the interest of the public good; and, fourth, that the majority must intelligently and faithfully cooperate with such leadership that it may attain its objective.

The first requirement emphasizes the responsibility of citizens to think clearly for themselves, to study carefully all sides of public questions before reaching a conclusion. Democracy is dependent upon the full distribution of accurate information on vital issues, and upon safeguarding the opportunity for complete freedom of discussion. We must be constantly alert against the danger that powerful interests may gain control of the principal means of publicity, and that propaganda will supplant authentic information on important questions.

The addition of the radio has been both an asset and a danger. An asset in that it provides a direct approach to the people, and gives an added opportunity to study all phases of any issue; a danger in the opportunity which it gives to the eloquent demagogue to arouse a blind emotional following on the part of vast numbers of people. Dictatorships are born when the masses become mentally servile to powerful leaders. The waging of wars is dependent to a large degree on the creation of national hysteria through the dissemination of pro-war propaganda. Our citizens are challenged as perhaps never before to think clearly for themselves on all issues, national, state, and local. The grain of truth and wisdom must be sifted in most cases from a mountain of "ballyhoo."

The last three requirements, which demand of the voter and political leader attention to the public good rather than to private gain, are dependent upon the moral attitude. By this I mean such an attitude in the individual as would,

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Those desiring a copy of the Convention Annual may secure it by writing Dr. R. B. Gunter, Baptist Building, Jackson, Miss. Please enclose six cents for postage.—Walton E. Lee, Secty.

The editor feels a personal loss in the home-going of Rev. M. J. Derrick, whose friendship we have cherished and whose fellowship we have enjoyed for many years. His standard of Christian living was true and high. His service was constant and devoted. He had served the cause of the Master in important and difficult fields. He had seemed so strong that all of us had hoped for him many more years of work in the churches which he loved. A faithful, loyal soul has passed from earthly to heavenly activity. May our Father comfort his beloved companion and all who are bereaved by his going.

To the members of the "Official Family" of the First Baptist Church, Oxford, Miss.: Dear Fellow-Christians—By vote of the church of which you are a member, our Mississippi Baptist paper, The Baptist Record, is being sent to you at the expense of the church. It is our hope that you and the members of your family will read it regularly, and that you will then pass it on to others who are not receiving it. We believe that much good will come from having those who are most active in our work know more about Baptist work throughout Mississippi and the world. Such knowledge can be had from The Baptist Record. Read it regularly. May our gracious God and Father richly bless you during the New Year. In Christian greeting, your pastor, Frank Moody Purser.

My dear friends: This is the first copy of the Mississippi Baptist Record that is being sent to all of the families of our church. You will receive a copy every week during the year 1938. As you will remember this plan was adopted by our church in our regular budget for this year. This means that it will be paid for out of our regular budget so we are asking you to do everything in your power to keep our finances out of the red. Let me beg you to read every article that is printed in the Record from week to week. There will be much information here that will give you a new vision of the task of Southern Baptists, not only in the state of Mississippi but throughout the whole world. If you will consistently read your copy of the Record during this year you will be a much better informed Baptist, and you will be inspired to do more for the Lord than you have ever done in the past.—E. N. Patterson, your pastor.

Dear brethren and sisters of the Walnut Grove Baptist Church: The church recently voted to send our denominational paper to every home in our membership without charge. This action rejoices your pastor's heart and he desires to commend the church most heartily for this forward-looking step. You will receive the first issue in January. The Baptist Record is the only paper that will keep you informed on the work of your own denomination. The paper is ably edited and carries each week helpful messages on doctrine, devotion, service and denominational progress. The pastor is anxious that every member of this fine church shall become an interested reader of our denominational paper. We are to have a church HONOR ROLL carrying the names of those who, from month to month, read the Record consistently. God bless you and make you a spiritually powerful people.—M. O. Patterson, Pastor.



## Sparks and Splinters

I have given up Union (Mayton) church in Rankin County to accept the Tangipahoa church in Pike County.—A. W. Talbert.

Rev. Clyde Hankins of Indianola conducted a revival at the Roundaway Baptist Church in November, during which there were fifty-one additions. Forty-two of these were by baptism. On the closing Sunday of the meeting, baptismal services were held in the Sunflower River, and all forty-two were baptized. Yours very truly, Ruth Adams, church secretary.

Conferences for associational Sunday school workers will be held at Grenada, January 13-14, and at McComb, January 14-15. The Sunday School Board and the state Sunday school department are cooperating in promoting these conferences, and the aim is a good representation from every association in the state with a view to an enlarged program for 1938.

On December 1, Dr. Norman W. Cox began his sixth year as pastor of the Fifth Avenue Baptist Church, Huntington, West Virginia. During the five years of his ministry the Sunday school shows an average attendance above 900. There have been 826 additions; \$147,417.32 contributed for all purposes of which \$36,040.43 was for missions. He has begun the sixth year of his work with most encouraging prospects.—Pearl Leonard, Secretary.

On last Sunday afternoon, Dec. 19th, at Salem Baptist Church, Covington County, Mr. James Reese Rogers was ordained to the Baptist ministry. Rev. Roy Brigrance, Taylorsville, Rev. W. L. Holcomb, Mt. Olive, Deacons W. T. Rogers and Hurd Pickering, and W. L. Day pastor, formed the examining council. Rev. W. L. Holcomb preached the ordination sermon; Rev. Roy Brigrance delivered the charge to the church and to the candidate; W. L. Day presented the Bible. Salem church is the home church of brother Rogers. He has been serving as assistant pastor for several months and now has the unusual honor and distinction of being the pastor of this his home church until the pulpit committee makes further recommendations.—W. L. Day.

To the members of the Inverness Baptist Church: The Bible says, "Give attendance to reading." Big business says, "It pays to advertise." Heeding the Bible command, and adopting the slogan of big business, the church voted, Nov. 28, to send the Baptist Record to every family in the membership. So beginning with this issue, you will receive the paper that tells about the kingdom of our Lord from this place to the ends of the earth. Note the news items in it. Don't fail to read the letters from our heroic missionaries. Study the Sunday school lesson in it. Get the children to read the Children's Page. And may it be a blessing to your heart and home is my prayer. Cordially your pastor, C. W. Baldrige. P.S. Don't forget that your church meets each Sunday for Sunday school and worship. The encouragement of your presence is requested.—C.W.B.

Among ministers present for Mrs. Lipsey's funeral: Rev. J. W. Middleton, Dr. W. T. Lowrey, in charge of the service; Dr. F. M. Purser, Oxford, Dr. J. W. Mayfield, McComb, Dr. W. A. Hewitt, Jackson, Dr. H. M. King, Jackson, Dr. R. B. Gunter, Jackson, Rev. L. W. Ferrell, Jackson, Rev. Ira F. Metts, Jackson, Rev. D. A. Barnhill, Hattiesburg, Rev. W. W. Grafton, Hattiesburg, Dr. Bryan Simmons, Jackson, Rev. Owen Williams, Utica, Rev. R. L. Wallace, Raymond, Dr. J. R. Hitt, Clinton, Dr. A. A. Kitchings, Clinton, Rev. J. L. Boyd, Meridian, Rev. W. S. Landrum, Clinton, Rev. Mark Lowry, Wesson, Rev. L. P. Petty, Clinton, Rev. H. T. McLaurin, Clinton, Dr. M. O. Patterson, Clinton, Rev. G. O. Parker, Magee, Rev. A. L. Goodrich, Clinton, Rev. J. A. Taylor, Brookhaven, Rev. B. L. Davis, Brookhaven, Rev. J. R. Davis, Clinton, Rev. W. H. Wood, Clinton, Rev. M. C. Waldrup, Clinton.

### A CHRISTMAS AND NEW YEAR'S GREETING

(The following from Dr. George W. Truett, breathes such a fine Christian spirit, that we wish all our readers to have it.)

To My Friends Everywhere:

With the returning Christmas and New Year Season, let me greet you in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, and voice every best wish for you, for the happy Holiday Season, and beyond, always!

As we come again, through God's gracious mercy, to this happy Season, may all our hearts be humble, grateful and joyful, and may we fervently pray with Tiny Tim: "God bless us every one!"

By the goodness and mercy wherewith He crowns our lives, let us be whole-heartedly constrained, both to pray and to labor, without ceasing, for the happiness and betterment of the poor and needy and neglected; for precious children who are in any way handicapped; for underprivileged and overburdened men and women; for those who have scarcely known a mother's love, or a father's care; for all who are lonely and bereaved and disappointed; for those whose lives are poignantly tested by strange and fiery trials; for the meanest and basest and lowest of our fellow humanity; and for all our bludgeoned and fear-ridden world, now in such desperate need of the reconciling, guiding and empowering help of Him who would have all mankind to rejoice in His all-satisfying peace, and to live with positive good will toward one another, ever and everywhere!

These are days of fierce challenge. In wide areas of the earth, religious liberty has been ruthlessly trampled under foot, and in others, it is gravely menaced. Vast areas throughout the earth are poignantly distraught by oppressive injustices, by stupid hates, and by ghastly wars. Such days need us, at our highest and best, both in thought and in service. Let those of us who enjoy complete freedom of worship, thank God afresh for this priceless privilege, and let us faithfully remember that such a treasure is retained only by ceaseless vigilance. Irreligion is widespread, either as respectable indifference, or as vulgar license. Questions of finance and trade, of treaties and covenants, of diplomacy and legislation, and other similar problems have their large and rightful place in our thoughts; but, fundamentally, the paramount and indispensable need of mankind lies not in economic or political adjustments, very important as these are, but in true penitence for our wrong living, and in trustful faith and submissive obedience to our Divine Savior and Lord. Let us turn ever to Him who loves unto the uttermost, and who has chosen to be influenced by our humble and submissive prayers.

As we journey on, may we ever be given the watchful eye, the considerate heart, and the unselfish hand, to the end that we may ever-increasingly walk in the steps of Him who went about doing good. Let us steadfastly refuse to allow the grilling trials of the world so to overcome us that we shall forget its glorious benedictions. To the utmost, and to the last, let us live to make permanent and regnant throughout all the earth, the song of the angels: "Glory to God in the highest, and on earth, peace, good will toward men."

Your friend,

George W. Truett

Pastor's Study, First Baptist Church,

Dallas, Texas

Christmas, 1937—New Year, 1938

Joe Canzoneri—His many friends will rejoice to know that Joe is at home after a severe siege at the Baptist Hospital in Jackson.

PASTORAL CHANGES—W. K. Sisk goes from Anna, Ill., to Third Church, Granite City, Ill.; Perkins Atherton goes to New Hope Church, Kentucky; C. R. Turner resigns at Brownsville, Ky., and C. H. Cosbey resigns at 66th Street Church, Birmingham, Ala. Perkins Atherton was ordained at Wickliff, Ky.

### SOUTHWESTERN MISS. BAPTIST MINISTERS' CONFERENCE

The Southwestern Mississippi Baptist Ministers' Conference enjoyed a very fine program Monday, Dec. 13, 1937. The subject of the program was "The Minister From the Layman's Viewpoint." Several laymen, including a teacher, doctor, lawyer, merchant, and deacon spoke on this subject, giving very interesting discussions. There was a large number of ministers present to enjoy this program. Among those who spoke were Supt. D. L. Blackwelder, Hon. H. L. Simmons, Dr. Thomas Purser, Sr., Hon. W. D. Lofton, Rev. J. R. Eubanks, Rev. W. B. Phipps, Rev. Bryan Simmons, Rev. P. S. Rogers, and Dr. W. A. Sullivan. Dr. Sullivan delivered a very helpful inspirational message at the eleven o'clock hour.

The conference will have a two days' Bible conference January 10 and 11, which will mean a great deal to the pastors in southwest Mississippi.

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#### PROGRAM

Central Pastors' Conference, Northside Baptist Church, Jackson, January 10, 1937

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- 9:30—Devotional—D. H. Barnhill.
- 9:45—The Present Day and the Proper Emphasis in Preaching—George P. White.
- 10:15—Sermonizing in the Book of Hebrews—Mark Lowry.
- 11:00—Brief Report of Each Pastor About His Work.
- 11:30—The Present Day Point of View of the Man in the Pew—W. A. Hewitt.
- 11:45—Sermon to the Preachers—R. W. Rogers.
- 12:15—Question Box and Miscellaneous.

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Preparations for the Sixth World Congress, to be held in Atlanta, July 22-28, 1939, will occupy the attention of our people in every country throughout the year. I have already heard of the coming of fifteen delegates from one of the Australian States. The Executive Committee hopes that in every land resolute efforts will be made to ensure adequate attendance and that the delegates shall be truly representative. Special value attaches to the presence of delegates from the indigenous churches in mission fields.

Our friend and beloved Alabamian, Dr. John L. Whorton, of Longview, Texas, has a great church. The budget adopted for 1938 amounts to \$42,062.00. Among the items contained in it is \$8,800.00 for the Cooperative Program, \$1,200.00 for the Hundred Thousand Club, \$3,500.00 for local missions, \$5,400.00 pastor's salary, \$3,000.00 educational director, \$1,500.00 for secretary and \$1,500.00 for financial director and so on and on it goes, making a total of \$42,063.00. His friends in Alabama rejoice in his work.—Alabama Baptist. (Note: The Baptist Standard goes to every family in this great church. A. L. G.)

Dr. Rushbrooke of the Baptist World Alliance says: In Rumania the Government has given undertakings to prepare a law for submission to the new Parliament, which meets early in the year; and it is hoped that the difficulties which have lasted through so many years, may at last be overcome. In Spain, the position is confused. The Republican Government has declared for full religious liberty, and in recent correspondence in "The Times" of London I elicited a pledge in the same sense from the Duke of Alba, the responsible representative of General Franco. It is disturbing to read that in Russia, following on the arrest of a number of Orthodox ecclesiastics, fierce attacks on the "sectarians" (which means in the first instance on the Baptists) have appeared in the Soviet press. Such attacks are usually a prelude to intensified police action. In these and in other lands, the Alliance watches and helps whenever possible—though in the case of Russia practically nothing can for the present be done.



## "YOUTH WITH A CAPITAL Y"

G. C. Hodge

A dozen schools in our state recessed for the Christmas holidays, pouring out a flood of youth to deluge the capital city with thousands of eager, expectant, young men and women, to trickle by nightfall into communities and homes from Horn Lake to Moss Point and from Iuka to Woodville.

On Sunday morning they were back in your churches for Sunday school, calling gay greetings to old friends, being introduced to new people, singing, playing the piano, occasionally substituting as teacher for the class whose regular teacher had departed for her own holiday, or slipping back into their old classes for the study of the lesson. And they were there to join their hearts and voices in the morning worship service, or were they? How many of them have had a line in these fifteen weeks from anyone in the church not connected directly with them? Has the home church shown any interest in their physical, social, mental and spiritual development since the members voted aye when Bill's or Jane's or Sue's church letter was called for to unite with the church in the college center? Ties of affection, interest and community spirit link the green freshman, the wise sophomore, the alert junior and the sedate senior to his home town and familiar surroundings; given encouragement they will respond with loyalty to the Christian ideals the church has endeavored to instill; respect for God's house, His word, and His name; recognition of the Sabbath as God's day; attendance on the services of the Lord's house; surrender of self to the leadership of Christ.

There have been changes and this should be recognized and accepted. When our young people went away in late summer the world was green, faintly turning to gold; as they return frost and storm and freeze have taken their toll and the earth lies bare. Nor is the change in nature alone all: landmarks have been demolished, new buildings erected, new streets and highways paved, new lights installed, new stores opened, old stores have moved, redecorated, or closed. Even in his home there have been changes; younger brothers and sisters have been growing and developing, and are not quite the pests they once were; they have made for themselves places in home and church and school where once the student thought he was indispensable. They look to him with admiration, affection and just a shade of respect, depending on the number of years away from home. In the friendly circle of acquaintances there have been changes—here and there an old timer has slipped away; occasional violent, unexpected deaths are still reviewed; old friends have moved away, new people, who may in time become friends, have taken their places; new babies have arrived in some of these homes. Here, as in nature, accident disease and death have taken toll, with this difference: there has been constant growth from beneath.

All of this has taken place in hundreds of ordinary humdrum communities over the state in the short space of less than four months. What of the student himself? There have been corresponding or even greater changes in his life and environment. Life in college dormitory is quite different from the assured paths of home; new schedules arranged and re-arranged; habits of dependence must be exchanged for self reliance. He is surrounded with others who were outstanding in their communities. Such an array of talent and leadership naturally provides better social contacts, literary events and church organizations. The benefits of efficiently working Sunday school classes, of alert young people's organizations may be the privilege of the home church which buys up these opportunities as offered by the student or graduate trained by the church forces in our colleges.

## PRE-CONVENTION PASTORS' CONFERENCE

M. E. Dodd, Chairman

The Pastors' Conference preceding the Southern Baptist Convention session each year has grown in interest, in spirit, and in attendance from year to year. It has been suggested that the conference in Richmond focus its program on evangelism. This should insure the best conference yet held. Southern Baptists are left almost alone among the great evangelical denominations of the country who magnify evangelism and major in soul winning.

The Pastors' Conference in New Orleans requested the local Pastors' Conference in the entertaining city to appoint a committee to work with the general chairman on program and promotion for the next meeting. I have been informed that the Richmond Conference named brother M. Jackson White, pastor of the Woodland Heights Baptist Church, to act as chairman of the local committee.

Since I am to be out of the country for the first four and a half months of the new year, I have requested brother White to take sole responsibility for setting up the Pastors' Conference preceding the Convention session in Richmond next May. All who have suggestions to make as to program or personnel will please direct their communications to brother White.

Let us all pray continuously that this Conference may create a great spiritual atmosphere for the sessions of the Convention itself.

## LOOKING BACKWARD

By A. L. Goodrich

Once a month a few items from the Baptist Record 25 years ago will be printed to let the folk compare THEN and NOW.

The following items appeared in the Baptist Record during January 1913—twenty-five years ago:

Utica goes to full time, re-calling Pastor Flowers.

Dr. M. O. Patterson assisted Rev. R. A. Edleman in the ordination of L. Bracey Campbell.

Theo. Whitfield of McComb has a sermon on Moral Hookworm.

Bryan Simmons reports subscriptions of \$800.00 at Natchez for Baptist Hospital.

Mississippi students listed at the Seminary include: W. M. Bostick, J. L. Boyd, W. M. Broome, G. S. Dobbins, J. D. Franks, M. O. Patterson, R. H. Russell, A. A. Stanley, J. A. White, R. L. Wallace, and J. W. Weathersby.

Frank Leavell of Oxford was elected by the Convention Board as secretary of laymen's work. L. E. Lightsey went from Montrose to Mize.

The Jefferson Davis County Association was organized at Prentiss. There were twelve churches and they came from Lawrence county and the Pearl Leaf Association.

Dr. W. A. McComb reports subscriptions amounting to \$2,279.50 at Leland for the Mississippi College Endowment Fund and \$1,366.00 at Belzoni at a prayer meeting service. He also reports a total of more than \$9,000 for the month of January.

Dr. Cranfill says: "Here and there we find pastors who are too dignified and 'starchy' to circulate the church paper. Such a preacher thinks of himself as upon a low level in becoming an agent for a paper; and if such a thing as going from house to house and placing the paper in the homes of his people should be mentioned in his ears, he would raise his nose aloft and sniff the air, as much as to say, 'I am too big a man for such a little work.' The truth is he is too little a man for such a big work!"

THANK YOU: Miss Beulah Wright, Tupelo; Rev. H. H. Bethune, Newton; Rev. A. T. Cinnamon, Kosciusko; Miss Thelma Simmons, Ellisville; Mr. H. P. Mosley, McComb; Mr. A. H. Spinks, Bailey; Rev. B. E. Phillips, New Hebron; Mrs. H. C. Pace, Hamilton; Mrs. E. C. Pitts, Brookhaven; Mrs. W. D. Cook, Meridian. For clubs of subscriptions sent in.

## HOW I HAVE PUT THE BAPTIST RECORD INTO MY CHURCHES



W. B. MAY

For several years I have thought it best to put the tithe of my salary for kingdom work through the churches which I serve.

Since the Record has put on the Every Family plan, I have used part of my tithe to help put the Record into the homes of my churches. I give part of the monthly installment and ask the church to raise the balance. My churches have responded one hundred per cent to the plan. We now have the Record going into 126 homes, serving some five or six hundred people, instead of the select few. The churches into which the Record is now going are: Dumas, Canaan, Mt. Moriah, Pleasant Hill, and Bluff Springs.

Brethren, if we give that which belongs to the Lord in the right spirit, He will always take care of the results in a glorious way, as He has done with the Record.

W. B. May, Ashland, Miss.

(Where there's a will, there's a way.—A.L.G.)

## STORIES AND THE RECORD INSEPARABLE

Dear brother Goodrich:

I have recently been called to the Dillard church in Lafayette County not far from Oxford. It is an afternoon appointment.

The first thing I did was to start a fund for the Cooperative Program. The next was "ASK THE FOLKS AND THEY WILL SUBSCRIBE," and they did. When I presented the idea, a good brother who is a Methodist who always worships at this church asked the privilege of paying for the subscriptions for the first six months. Of course I said yes.

I am enclosing seventeen (17) names and there will be a few more to send in within the next week. When we get the final number I will send you check for the first six months.

I deeply appreciate the word from Dr. Lipsey about my little booklet and you can tell him that the first edition is going like hot cakes.

Your friend in Christ,

W. R. Storie

Sardis, Miss.

A large Southern church reports a few more than 100 baptisms during the year. Four thousand members, 100 additions. What did the other 3,900 do during the year?

The Baptist Record of Iowa reports the ordination of Miss Violet Heffner to the ministry. This was done at the call of the Galilee Baptist church of Des Moines, Iowa. In what place in the Bible do we find scriptural authority for such?

They said—"Prohibition didn't prohibit." But we quote from "The Merry Go Round" of a few days ago, "Present day consumption of beer, wine, and distilled spirits in the United States is about 60 per cent of the maximum pre-prohibition figures."



# EDITORIALS

## WHEN JESUS COULD NOT

In the gospel story we are told that when Jesus was in his home town of Nazareth, he could not do many mighty works there because of their unbelief. It was not because he did not wish to. It was not that inherently his power was in any way abridged. It was not because there was any less need or opportunity there than in other places. He must have felt a peculiar personal concern for those whom he had known all his life. They knew him well from intimate association of the years. But he found it impossible to do there what he had done in hundreds of other places, simply because of their unbelief.

This unbelief was expressed in a particularly offensive way. They said, (for he read their thoughts and interpreted them to them and to us), "Physician heal thyself." There was bitterness in their hearts and words. They resented his going elsewhere to work his marvels of mercy. There was venom under their tongues. It was the same spirit as that which mocked him on the cross and said "If thou art the Christ, come down from the cross and we will believe on thee." They prescribed their own conditions of acceptance. They turned his claims into mockery and reviling. These people at Nazareth had such a spirit as turned the report of his mighty works in other places into sneers. "You say you have healed people elsewhere, give us a sample of it here where you were reared. You may fool the folks down in Judaea or at Capernaum, but we know you from childhood; you can't fool us."

What perversity in human nature! This was the Sabbath crowd at the synagogue in Nazareth, the very place where Jesus had worshipped from boyhood to manhood, every sabbath. What a revelation of the essential perversity of men when a religious assembly, a worshipping congregation is turned into a furor of hate by the appearance of the only holy character which had ever appeared among them.

The very fact that he read their thoughts and turned their minds inside out angered them the more. It was this ability to turn the searchlight on their souls, this divine power to bring their thoughts into judgment, which turned unbelief into hate. For unbelief will always end in hate and murder. Men will not long remain in a passive attitude to Jesus. Unbelief flares into opposition. Witness many present day writers in magazines and books. Unbelief in regard to Jesus is unreasonable. It disregards the plainest facts and incontrovertible evidence. And when crowded to the wall breaks out into violent speech or action.

Jesus meets the challenge of faith with miracles of grace. But he meets the challenge of unbelief with refusal to do his work of grace. He could not do his mighty works among them. Not that his power was less. It was not a physical but a moral impossibility. He did not respond to the desire of Herod to see his miracles. He did not meet the defy of the modern moral imbecile who stood in the pulpit a few years ago and challenged God to strike him dead. To have responded to the demand of these people of Nazareth to work miracles would have prostituted his divinity and his heavenly commission to the work of charlatanry. It would have put his mission on the plane with any common self-seeking dealer in magic. He who would not turn stones into bread to satisfy his own hunger at the demand of the devil, would not resort to the use of divine power to gratify a captious or whimsical crowd. He simply "could not."

But Jesus would not be turned away from his ministry of mercy by the unbelief and hatred of men. His goodness overflows the barriers of malice: "Nevertheless he laid his hands on a few sick people and healed them." In the midst of a hostile group, there were some who needed his help. There were some whose condition ren-

dered their minds and souls amenable to his loving kindness and tender mercy. There are places and people in the world today where the healing, helping hand of our Lord is sought and found. In great, wicked cities where men are too full of the cares of the world to become concerned about the words of the Master, there are places, quiet mission stations, where stricken souls may and do feel the tender touch of Jesus. On such as these the mercy of God falls like the dew at evening time.

Jesus, Master, help us thy servants to walk in thy steps, and to fulfill thy ministry of love to a stricken world in this new year of grace upon which we are now entering.

## THE NEW YEAR AND ALL THINGS NEW

Certainly there is a beauty and attractiveness about what is new. Everybody likes and needs something new, and the Lord is wonderfully gracious in providing for this essential desire and need of our souls. God gives us a new heart. He makes with us a new covenant. He provides for the renewing of our minds. He says, "Behold I make all things new." "We look for a new heaven and a new earth." "If any man is in Christ Jesus, there is a new creation." "As Christ was raised from the dead through the glory of the Father, we also might walk in newness of life." "So that we serve in newness of the spirit and not in oldness of the letter." The principles of the gospel are as new wine and is not to be put into old bottles, not to be subjected to the regulations of the old dispensation.

Our home is the New Jerusalem. To him that overcometh is given a new name. In the kingdom of God they sing a new song. We are to put on the new man which after God has been created in righteousness and holiness of the truth, Eph. 4:24. The only thing that matters is a new creature, Gal. 6:15. The gospel itself is good News. He hath put a new song into our mouths, Ps. 40:3.

It is of the Lord's mercy that we may begin anew at this turn of the seasons. He gives us the opportunity to make a new start, and he gives us afresh the strength for each new day and new year. Ours is the opportunity and the challenge. Life will not become stale for us as long as his blessings come anew with the new cycle of days.

Hazlehurst W. M. S. sent \$102.43 to the Lottie Moon offering for foreign missions, and a "Missionary Baptist" in the church added \$100 to it.

An average of 400 additions a year is the reward of Pastor J. Norris Palmer at First Church, Baton Rouge, for the past four years.

A few days ago a little boy of six lured us to go with him to a bank of moist clay, cut him a stick about two feet long and watch him put a ball of clay on the end of the stick and fling it over the tops of the nearby saplings. Then we told him of how when a little boy we used to cut a sort of notch or pocket in a corn stalk and put a rock in it and throw the rock twice as far as we could have done with the arm. And we reminded him of the boy David who a long time ago learned to throw rocks with a sling, and had become so expert at it that he killed the giant Goliath by a rock from his sling. And then we thought of how much farther our minds may travel and how much we may profit and how much more good we can do in the world, when we read good books and good papers which draw out our interest in a big world and enable us to reach the needy in the farthest corners of the earth. Reading lengthens your reach.

Arrangements have been made to carry on the Children's Circle in the Baptist Record. Announcement will be made next week. This department and its work will go right on. We hope for it an enlarged usefulness, and a responsiveness among all our young people.

## Convention Board Department

R. B. GUNTER, Cor. Sec'y.

### SOME ENCOURAGING REPORTS

First, quite a number of churches have reported an increase in contributions to denominational work for 1938. This action has been voluntary on the part of the churches.

Another indication along the same line is the increase in requests for pledge cards. Pledge cards are furnished free to all churches desiring them. If there are churches which have not made the every member canvass and need cards, all they should do in order to obtain them would be to indicate to the Baptist Board office in Jackson the number desired.

Larger contributions will be necessary in order to carry out the year's program. The Convention increased its obligations for the year and the Board increased its appropriations for State Mission work. These increases in appropriations are in keeping with the increase in opportunities for service. This writer holds up no standard lower than the tithe of one's income. The tithe should be stressed in every church. It is not only the minimum standard given in the Bible for gifts to the Lord's work, but the giving of the tithe will supply all of our financial needs in the work of the Master. The giving of the tithe will also enable the Baptist State Convention to be honest with its creditors. In Act II of Hamlet the Prince of Denmark said to Rosencrantz, "What's the news?" "None, my lord but that the world's grown honest." To this Hamlet replies, "Then is doomsday near." If doomsday is hastened by our people becoming honest, then we should welcome it. Diogenes in the ancient city of Athens lit his lantern in the daytime to look for an honest man. Should the time ever come when the Mississippi Baptist Convention is not honest, it will be time for it to retire from the field of religious activity, and the sooner it does so the better for the human race. There is an ancient English saying, "The honest need no watchman." Emerson said, "Pay every debt you owe as if God wrote the bill." If the Mississippi Baptist Convention is to be honest this year, it will be necessary for churches to increase their contributions to the Cooperative Program.

Still another indication of increased interest is the fact that in several sections of the State conferences have already been arranged. One will be held in McComb City next week; another in Grenada and another in Tippah County. Since the Board is unable to do all the work necessary along this line, it is very gratifying to know that the brethren of their own accord and on their own initiative are seeing the importance of these conferences and are addressing themselves to them.

### FORMER EMPLOYEES RETURN

The Executive Committee in its recent session elected Reverend Wade Smith as a State Board Evangelist and M. E. Perry as his assistant to conduct the music in revival meetings. These brethren are already in a meeting near Sumrall, and their time has been called for to the middle of March. While they were employed by the Board some years ago, their services were always in demand so that even during the winter months they were always busy. It is evident now that within a few weeks they will be engaged for the entire year.

The Executive Committee will doubtless elect within the near future another evangelist, in keeping with the authority given by the State Board in its last session. It is the purpose of the State Board to magnify evangelism and mission work during this year.



## IN MEMORIAM

(Prepared at my request.—A.L.G.)

Julia Toy Johnson Lipsey was born March 24, 1867, in Portsmouth, Va. She was the daughter of Rev. J. L. Johnson, D.D., and Julia Anna Toy, both native Virginians. She was quite young when her parents moved to Oxford, Miss. Here her father became an honored member of the State University. Julia Toy was graduated as one of the first young women to receive a diploma from this institution. She entered the profession of teaching, and her first work was in Virginia Teachers' College; later in Judson College, Marion, Alabama.

In 1889 she was married to Rev. Plautus I. Lipsey, who was a classmate of hers in the State University. The ceremony was performed by her father, in the chapel of Mary Sharp College, Winchester, Tenn., over which Dr. Johnson was then president. Their first home was in Indiana, where Dr. Lipsey held a pastorate. Shortly after their marriage they moved to Mississippi, assuming work in the churches at Greenwood, Vicksburg and Clinton. This last church Dr. Lipsey served for thirteen years. Then elected to take charge of the Baptist Record, he has remained editor ever since. Their home throughout these years has been in Clinton.

Mrs. Lipsey passed away in a hospital in Memphis, December 28, 1937. Her remains were brought home and buried in the cemetery in Clinton, by the side of her sleeping ones gone before.

She was the mother of six children: four sons and two daughters. The youngest daughter, Mary Winston, having preceded her mother to the Glory Land by several years.

These simple words record the life story of one of the finest women I ever knew. They tell the tale in full. That which is added is merely the overflow of simple truths from the heart of one who knew her, and loved her.

I knew Mrs. Lipsey first and best as the wife of my pastor. As such she was the leader of the community, religiously, intellectually, and socially; an uplifting influence; a power that will be felt for years to come; an inscription of life that eternity itself will not erase.

Socially, she was a very queen among women. Yet she was possessed with such fine common sense, and such deep regard for others, that, among the humblest and poorest; among the most cultured and refined, she was regarded as an equal. Love had a way with her that rendered her every act beautifully comprehensive. She was the exemplification of real personal service.

## GOOD CITIZENSHIP

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if followed by all, create a better condition for the entire group.

Many of our citizens seem morally servile towards conditions which, in a former era, would have aroused wide-spread public indignation. Cheap graft is too frequently tolerated in many branches of government,—town, city, county, state and national. Citizens themselves are often culpable by virtue of their attitude which conceives democracy as the possession of certain privileges without a corresponding sense of responsibility, an attitude that demands exception to rules and regulations which the general well-being requires shall be applied impartially to all. The prevailing attempt to "fix" violation of traffic laws, for instance, while seemingly little within itself, is symptomatic of a serious ailment in our national life.

Perhaps the most distressing thing about our whole era of political and economic corruption has been not so much the badness of bad people, as the tragic indifference of good people. Good men of ability shun the responsibility of public office, many others shirk the duty of jury service, and far too many show their criminal neglect of citizenship by failing to go to the

Intellectually, she was gifted with the giant mind of her father and the keen penetration of her mother. Her thoughts were great thoughts; and they led others to greatness.

Religiously, her humility doubtless outshone every characteristic. When she opened the Book to bring us a devotional, she also opened our hearts to take in mighty truths marvelously revealed in a new way.

Our friend will be missed largely, more than can be expressed.

Her colored friends, who made up the entire Negro population of the community, will miss her. Her simple acts of doing good were felt in many of their humble homes.

Her neighbors and friends of all faiths and no faith will miss her cheery word, her gentle smile, her uplifting sense of humor, that made each one akin to her in spirit.

She will be missed by the D. A. R., the U. D. C., and the local clubs. Whether she held office, or was merely a member, she was recognized always as a leader.

She will be missed in her church, her Sunday school and her missionary society. Thank God, some influences cannot be buried beneath the sod. Many a young man, many a young woman, will recall, as falling from her lips, a word fitly spoken here and there, and keep stronger and purer in life, because they remember.

All over this commonwealth, and throughout the Southland, she will be missed by little children, to whom she has grown so precious as a leader these past ten years. Again, thank God for the sower, who planted seeds in the hearts of His little ones, which will germinate, bud, bloom and bear fruit for years to come; immortelles on both sides of eternity!

She will be greatly missed by the few remaining members of that brilliant, closely knit family circle to which by birth she belonged. They always called her "Sister." Being the eldest they early learned to lean heavily upon her mother heart.

Most of all she will be missed by her devoted husband, her splendid sons and her gracious daughter.

Just here "Silence suiteth best."

"And God shall wipe away all tears from their eyes; and there shall be no more death, neither sorrow, nor crying, neither shall there be any more pain; for the former things are passed away."

"And there shall be no light there; and they need no candle, neither the light of the sun; for the Lord God giveth them light; and they shall reign forever and ever."

—Margaret McRae Lackey.

polls and vote. The citizen who remains too absorbed in his own affairs to become actively interested in public affairs, must bear his share of responsibility for political corruption.

Let us apply, each for ourselves, the principle of good citizenship to our Baptist democracy. Nowhere do we have so pure a democracy as in our churches and in their cooperative work. We have an equally great responsibility to know the problems and needs of our great program, and to cooperate faithfully and intelligently with our leaders.

Mississippi Baptists enter the New Year with the promise of a wonderful record of achievement. Our Executive Secretary is still with us, for which we are most thankful; our debts are being refunded; a larger program has been launched; and a new spirit is manifest among all our churches. Let us determine to fulfill, in all our work together, every requirement of successful democracy.

Brookhaven, Miss.

Rev. Merrill D. Moore, our Mississippian at Newport, Tenn., has declined the call to First Church, Clarksdale, Tenn.

Dr. Chas. L. Barber said before the American Medical Association, "Sixty percent of all the babies born of mothers who are habitual cigarette smokers die before they are two years old."

## LET'S GO

By A. L. GOODRICH, Circulation Manager  
"Ask the People and They'll Subscribe"

## ON THE GO

Miss Helen Samain, who summers in Brevard and winters in Biloxi, recently wrote, "Please change my Record back to Biloxi as I do not wish to miss a single copy. I hope I will improve with age as it does."

## TOO YOUNG

An expiration notice to brother J. A. Glenn contained these words, "Must we say good-bye?" His reply was, "Not yet, I am only 91."

## LET'S SHARE

This distressing card came from a widow.

"I am so sorry I have to give up the Record but my health has failed. I have an incurable stomach trouble and am unable to work at all, and unless God provides a way I can't renew."

Who will let God help this good woman through them?

WHAT ALABAMA HAS DONE—  
MISSISSIPPI SHOULD DO

Since the first of April of this year 233 churches have adopted the Budget Plan for The Alabama Baptist. The large majority of the churches are working it through their Sunday schools.

The total number of subscriptions received from the 233 churches on this plan since April 1, is 5,550. It means that an average of twenty-eight churches adopted the plan each month, which sent in an average of 617 subscriptions each month on the plan.

Many of the strong churches in Birmingham and elsewhere in the State are not counted in this list but they have adopted the plan and will have their list of subscriptions in the office for the first issue in January which comes from the press January 6.

One thousand churches in Alabama ought to adopt this plan through their churches or Sunday schools and in most instances it works better through the Sunday school.

Since the editor cannot personally visit all the churches and Sunday schools they make out a list of the officers and teachers and other leaders who want the paper; the list is sent to the office and a statement is sent monthly to the treasurer at 2 1-2 cents per copy per week for all who get the paper. The money is paid by the church or Sunday school and not by the individual subscriber.

The plan works. Let it work in your church.

The Sunday School Board, Nashville, has endorsed the plan and so has Mr. Davis Cooper of the Sunday School department of Alabama Executive Board.

(What the larger churches of Birmingham have done, the larger churches of Mississippi should and could do.—A. L. G.)

Florida Baptist Convention meets next week at Jacksonville, Jan. 11-13. This prevented Editor E. D. Solomon from attending the Editors' Conference in Memphis.

New deacons elected by First Church, Columbus, are, C. N. Brandon, T. A. Moody, A. B. Puckett, T. A. Johnson, Joe Abrams and R. L. Bedwell.

Baptist churches all over the world will observe Baptist World Alliance Sunday, the 6th February, as a day of united testimony and of thanksgiving and prayer on behalf of our worldwide brotherhood.

Longview: Rev. A. H. Childress pastor, recently set a goal of 100 for Sunday school attendance and only missed it by 6. They have decided to build additional Sunday school rooms to take care of their growing Sunday school.



# NEHEMIAH—AN OLD TESTAMENT LAYMAN

By E. K. Cox

Nehemiah was a common name among the Hebrews, and he was a man of middle age who had done nothing to distinguish it. His people were in exile, and he had never seen the land of his fathers. Then he had a mighty good job, he was honored and trusted in the court of the mightiest monarch upon the earth. Artaxerxes trusted his life every day to this captive son of Abraham. There were always those who after eastern fashion, who would have been glad to see a vacancy on the throne caused by poisoned wine, but Artaxerxes was not afraid so long as Nehemiah carried the keys and poured his wine.

However the good fortune of this man did not make him forget the traditions of his people or the home of his fathers. Comfort and wealth had not blurred his spiritual vision, or caused him to forget the mission of his people. Often he dreamed of Jerusalem of which his parents had told him, and of the wonderful temple the pride and center of their religious life. We do not know the place he held among the exiles about Shushan, but we do know that his religion and patriotism were just as vital and strong as if he had lived in the holy city.

Every time he met some one who had been to Jerusalem he asked about the welfare of the company who had gone back with Zerubabel to rebuild the city. He was mighty comfortable in Shushan, and everything pointed to a quiet and easy life.

One day Nehemiah met Hanani who had just come from Jerusalem, and he inquired about the welfare of the beloved city. The story that he heard was one of misfortune and disaster. "The remnant that are left of the captivity there in the province are in great affliction and reproach; the wall of Jerusalem is broken down, and the gates are burned with fire." Nehemiah did not say, "Well now that is too bad," and thank God for the safety of himself and family.

Right here we begin to see the real measure of the man. He was troubled by what he heard, and it is interesting to follow his course. He says that he wept, fasted and prayed. Now please remember that Nehemiah was only a layman. He was not so far as we know, a priest, prophet or any sort of religious leader. A layman weeping and praying over the hurt of Jerusalem which he believed the cause of God. It was not ostentatious weeping, he wept in the privacy of his home, his mourning was done in secret. When a layman does this something is going to happen. Let us listen to that prayer, it is the sort of praying that gets somewhere. This man knew God, listen: "O Lord God of heaven, the great and terrible God, that keepeth mercy and covenant for them that fear Him and observe His commandments." The man who prays must have right ideals about God, and about himself. He knew that his people were scattered exiles because of their sins. His prayer is redolent of the spirit of confession; when backsliders begin to confess, they are getting where God will hear them. He pleaded for mercy and begged for an opportunity to do something.

He prayed that God would give him the favor of the king to this end. Remember this man could have lived in ease here in Shushan, and no one would have censured him about things at Jerusalem. A most interesting story, this about Nehemiah and the king. So deep had been his grief, and so intense his interest, that the king asks: "Why is thy countenance sad?" Right here was the pivotal point in this man's life. He has thought and wept about things and now in one moment all will be settled. Men reveal their true inwardness at such times. "So I prayed unto the God of heaven." Before he answers the king, his heart takes time to pray. He won his request from the king, the time to pray was well spent.

He asked permission to go to Jerusalem, and for letters, money and materials from the king, and they were granted.

His requests were unselfish, he might have asked for favors for himself and family, but he

only asked for a chance to serve. He asked that he might give up the most coveted position about the palace, that he might go on a dangerous and difficult journey for his people and the cause of Jehovah. He knew that his absence would be capitalized and some one else would have his position of honor and trust. He thought more of the cause of God than of place and wealth.

It was no ordinary man who had won his way to such honor. His people have always been adept at winning their way to places of eminence among other peoples; witness Joseph in Egypt, Daniel in Babylon, Disraeli in Great Britain, Gambetta in France, Brandeis and Cordozo in America. Among those illustrious names Nehemiah has his place.

With a few of his own people and an escort of soldiers he set out on the long journey to Jerusalem. On arrival he told no one of his purpose until he looked over the task. That he might attract no attention he inspected the city by night. It was fully as bad as he had heard. The walls were broken and shattered, full of great gaps made in the siege under Nebuchadnezzar, the parts that were standing were broken and crumbling. Heaps of debris, piles of stone, massive and fine were strewn in ugly confusion, and all covered with the moss of nearly a century. The gates had been broken down, carried away and burned, the whole scene was one to discourage any but the strongest.

One could hardly imagine a more desolate scene, or a task more difficult or unthankful. But Nehemiah called together the rulers and nobles of the city; he told them his intent and how he had secured the endorsement of the great king. There is the pride of race as well as religion in the indomitable words: "Let us build up the wall of Jerusalem, that we be no more a reproach." Such pride is laudable, no true man wants his people to be other than respectable, and the Lord's people ought to feel that their place of worship ought to be of decent appearance, clean and well kept. While there maybe no religion in lavish display, there is none also in dirt and ugliness.

The discouraged people caught eagerly at the words of Nehemiah and cried: "Let us rise up and build." People pluck up courage when a real leader comes along, and they now had one. Nehemiah organized with great skill and leadership. Families and clans were marshaled together and assigned the portions of the wall over against their homes. Nehemiah thought that a man would not build a shabby wall where the enemy might break through on him first of all.

Most of the people were overjoyed and fell in line with great enthusiasm. It was not long until the enemies of Jerusalem began to make themselves felt. They hated Jerusalem and all that it meant, and were sorry to see the city of David strong and well fortified. The mongrel people of Samaria would have joined in with them, but the pure-blood Hebrews scorned such an alliance.

Sanballat and his satellite Tobiah were the head and front of this crowd. They first raised the cry that the Jews were planning rebellion against the king of Persia. Then they began to ridicule the work. They were indignant to see the building going on so well, and Sanballat orated indignantly before his crowd, he waxed sarcastic, and spoke sneeringly of their efforts. He ridiculed their worship and talked of the stones gathered from heaps of rubbish. Tobiah jibed in with the facetious remark that if a fox should climb upon the wall he would break it down. All this time the wall kept growing, the gates were set up and the breaches stopped on every side. The better they builded the madder those fellows became. They thought of violence and many bitter threats were made. Now Nehemiah showed himself a soldier as well as builder, he trusted in God but like Cromwell, "kept his powder dry." The people became tired and were ready to quit, ten times the warning of violence had come. But Nehemiah had not come all the way from Shushan to be scared off. Hear his valiant words: "Be not afraid of them, re-

member the Lord which is great and terrible, and fight for your brethren, your sons and daughters, your wives and houses." With such encouragement they went back to the wall. They left nothing to chance, watchers were set upon the high places, half stood guard while the other half worked. Every builder had his sword girded on, and weapons of war were within easy reach. It soon developed that the crowd of Sanballat had little taste for cold steel. Nehemiah did not want to fight but he would fight before he would quit. The men who build are better fighters than those who snarl at them when there is anything worth fighting for. Every worthwhile man has some things in his life which he will fight for. Maybe not with sword or gun, but the same weapons which Paul used so that he could say: "I have fought a good fight." Jesus said: "I am not come to send peace upon earth but a sword." Nehemiah was one of the soldiers in the battalions that war against the forces which prey upon humanity.

Nehemiah finished his task, the walls of Jerusalem were built. There were many difficulties, numerous hardships and opposition, but the walls were built. When a man finishes his job and attains his objective, he can forget the hard things. Sanballat was still muttering, and growling. Tobias trying to make trouble, but the walls were there and gates with locks and bars.

Like every real builder for God, Nehemiah found traitors within. There were men in Jerusalem who were jealous of his place, and achievements. Tobias had friends in the city, and Sanballat his spies, and they circulated falsehoods, saying that Nehemiah was trying to make himself a king. He was urged to come down to the plain of Ono and talk things over. They would meet God's man anywhere just so it took him from his work. Many a man has been ruined by meeting the enemy at Ono. Nehemiah uttered a sentence which has become immortal: "I am doing a great work, so that I cannot come down, why should the work cease whilst I leave it and come down to you?" Four times they tried to get him from his job by trickery, then they tried to scare him. They told him that his life was in danger and counseled him to take refuge in the temple. Again the manly hero said: "Should such a man as I flee? Who is there that being as I am would go into the temple to save his life? I will not go." Courage is wise when the cause is worthwhile. All this time false friends were plotting with Tobias, but the walls were built, and walls and gates were what brought our hero from Shushan.

The Lord however, did not allow him to stop with that, one task followed another. The poor of his people were suffering from the rich. The law of Moses was being violated in the taking of interest from one another. Those who had borrowed in time of drought to pay taxes were being dispossessed, and their children sold into slavery. Nehemiah appealed to their humanity and their loyalty to the law of Moses and won out. Twenty-five hundred years ago Nehemiah fought those who were making debts a means of oppression and defeated them.

He vigorously enforced the Sabbath regulations and stopped the commercialization of the holy day. He served without expense as the former governors had refused to do, and balanced the budget as many modern authorities seem unable to do.

In conjunction with Ezra he instituted the notable work of regular teaching of the law. That was a great meeting told about in the eighth chapter where for seven days during the feast of tabernacles they devoted much time to the teaching of the law. This work made stable the religious life of the nation. The services of the temple were reorganized, and something of the beauty and order set up by David and Solomon restored to the forms of worship.

The law of the tithe was restored, the support of the priests was made certain and those of them who had gone to tilling the soil for bread came back to their holy duties. He enforced the laws against mixed marriages which were de-



stroying the racial purity of the nation and corrupting their religion.

His work marks an epoch in the period of the Hebrew history. Intelligent, industrious, courageous, patriotic and pious his work was a mighty contribution to the life of his people. What he did was constructive and durable. He loved his people and cherished a deathless devotion to the law which they gave to the world. He thrilled as he read the story of the covenants made by Jehovah with his nation. A layman of that ancient day, without prophetic insight, lacking in priestly lore, with no claim of royal descent he wrought nobly and God wrote his name on the roster of the faithful.

Blessed be his memory and may his tribe increase.

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#### SOUTHERN BAPTIST CONVENTION COMMITTEE ON CORRELATION AND COORDINATION

M. E. Dodd, Chairman

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The committee appointed by the Southern Baptist Convention to survey the denominational situation as to multiplication of organizations and overlapping of activities "with a view to coordinating and correlating the units of our denominational work" met in Memphis for its first session on November 30. Every member of the committee was present. They worked from 10:00 o'clock in the morning until after 6:00 o'clock in the afternoon with only brief period for lunch.

The committee, consisting of two pastors besides the chairman, two seminary professors, and the heads of two of our great denominational agencies, is representative of our whole denominational life. The committee was at once conscious of the vastness of its task and of the seriousness of its responsibility. The committee worked in the spirit of earnest prayer, deep devotion to duty, and a manifest desire to do the best thing possible for our beloved denomination, and for the churches.

A number of letters from pastors and other church leaders, which had come in response to a previous appeal, made through the denominational press, were read and carefully considered. Then consideration was given to 105 returns on a questionnaire which had been sent out. Letters and questionnaires were received from practically every state in the Southern Baptist Convention. The questionnaire asked questions on the matter of overlapping and duplication in the church organizations in membership, in program, in activities, in finances, in time of meeting, in place of meeting, and in teachers, leaders and sponsors. It also asked: "Which organization would you discontinue in the interest of coordination?" and, "What organizations would you combine in the interest of coordination?" Many of those who returned questionnaires also wrote letters. All of the answers and letters were given full consideration.

Each member of the committee then gave expression to his own personal impressions, convictions and views. The committee spent the rest of the day in general discussion and in the preparation of a preliminary statement of findings and in the outline of future activities.

I. Based upon the information in hand and the expressions of opinion received the committee agreed:

1. That the church itself should be recognized as central and supreme, and that all organizational loyalties should be thought of as service by the auxiliary organizations, through the church, to the Kingdom of God, and the world;

2. That we make grateful recognition of the value of existing auxiliary organizations and the service which they have rendered;

3. That there is a widely expressed desire for correlation and coordination in organizations, program materials, activities, schedules, and leadership;

4. That there is need for a clear definition of the specific functions of existing organizations in our Southern Baptist Churches.

II. The committee proposes to continue its inquiry and work and assigned definite tasks to individual members, as follows:

1. To find out what other denominations are doing in this regard. (Mrs. F. W. Armstrong, Plattsburg, Missouri.)

2. To secure an expression from the executive heads of our various denominational agencies on their conception of the fundamental functions of their respective organizations. (Dr. T. L. Holcomb, Sunday School Board, Nashville, Tennessee.)

3. To secure additional data from pastors and other local church leaders. (Dr. G. S. Dobbins, S. B. Seminary, Louisville, Kentucky.)

4. To secure facts and suggestions from religious education directors growing out of experience, experimentation, and observation in solving the problem of coordination and correlation. (Dr. J. M. Price, S. W. Baptist Seminary, Seminary Hill, Texas.)

5. To study program materials provided by the several organizations with the view to discovering where they overlap and duplicate each other, if at all. (Dr. Geo. W. Sadler, Liberty, Missouri.)

6. To study expressional activities such as offerings, personal service, extension work, socials, time schedules, worship services, etc., with a view to discovering where the complications are, if any. (Dr. Chas. H. Henderson, Emmanuel Baptist Church, Nashville, Tennessee.)

The committee, realizing fully that the matters involved are of such far reaching importance, feel that full information should be gathered from all possible sources and that hasty action should be avoided.

Pastors, Religious Educational Directors, W. M. U. and Brotherhood Leaders, Sunday School Superintendents, Teachers and others who have had any particular experience, who have any particular impression, or who wish to give any information or opinion to the committee, are requested to do so in writing.

And, inasmuch as the chairman of this committee has completed plans for himself and Mrs. Dodd to spend four and one-half months at the first of the year in Central and South America, it is requested that all who have something to say to the committee send it directly to the individual committee member as indicated above.

The committee will hold its next meeting in Richmond at 2:00 p. m. Tuesday, May 10. The Committee on Order of Business has placed this report in the order for 4:00 p. m., Thursday afternoon, May 12.

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#### CALVARY CHURCH, GREENWOOD, MISS.

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Brother W. W. Kyzar and I have just closed a revival meeting with Pastor Henry L. Byrd and the Calvary Church of Greenwood. Brother Kyzar as usual brought splendid messages from God's great Book. There were few additions but, by what we heard many say, the Christians were greatly blessed and benefitted by the services. Brother Byrd and this little church by the help of the Lord and many Christian friends and especially by the gift of ten thousand dollars by a good Christian woman has been able to build a beautiful house of worship. By what we say and heard we could not help but be impressed by the fact that brother Byrd has done a real work in the three years that he has been pastor here. He has led the church a long way toward financing the Lord's work in a Scriptural way and facing their personal responsibility in the evangelization of the lost in their community. Some of the Italians attended many services. One Italian lady and her children attended most of the services. In a personal interview she said that she trusted the Lord Jesus only for her salvation. May the Lord continue to shower His blessings upon brother Byrd and his good companion and the church which they are faithfully serving.

Joe Canzoneri

#### EVANGELISM OR ORPHANAGE

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Recently I was called upon to choose between these two fields of labor and I have decided in favor of the Orphanage. This is my explanation:

As a young minister I plead the cause of the Aged Ministers and my first contribution to an Endowment Fund was in their favor. A few years later, suffering humanity appealed to me and I gave myself to the task of raising money for the erection and equipment of the Mississippi Baptist Hospital. Then struggling young men and women challenged me and I gave three years to Christian Education at Clarke Memorial College. After these services, it seems only fitting that I devote some of my closing years to the work of providing better buildings for our Orphan children. The seven years (at different times) devoted to Evangelistic work under the Convention Board have been years of joyous service and it is a pleasure to know that the Board and many others would have me continue in that work; but God seems to be leading in the way I have chosen and I am glad to follow.

The task of raising \$125,000.00 for rebuilding our Orphanage plant is not an easy one; but God is able to make his servants sufficient for the tasks to which he calls them.

The task is imperative. Buildings, made possible a third of a century ago by the gifts of sacrificial friends, give evidence of hard, continuous service. Because of treacherous soil, making the foundations insecure, some of the buildings are unsafe; and although these buildings have been made sacred by the unselfishness of the donors and the services they have rendered, they must be replaced by new ones if we are to carry on the work so nobly begun by others.

The completion of this task should not interfere with our regular denominational program. Many persons want some special object to foster and the Orphanage offers these a very worthy opportunity at this time.

God's people have been very considerate as I have been sent out on other special undertakings and surely nothing less is to be expected at this time.

More will be said about plans and progress in the near future. Meanwhile we crave your prayers and cooperation. It would be very encouraging to have a number of Baptist Record readers send in voluntary contributions.

The first article in the Baptist Record concerning the establishment of the Mississippi Baptist Hospital brought a check for ten dollars from brother J. G. Chastain, then missionary in Mexico. I am wondering where the first check will come from in response to this article.

Make all remittances to B. O. B. F. (Baptist Orphanage Building Fund), Baptist Orphanage, Jackson, Miss.

Trusting you to let the "love of Christ" constrain you, I am

Yours in service,

Bryan Simmons

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Newton: "Our every member canvass worked out well. I think we will reach the budget." R. A. Morris.

Special commissions are working to prepare reports for submission at Atlanta on the following subjects: "What Baptists can do to avert War and promote Peace." "The Baptist Contribution to Christian Unity." "The Reports and Findings of the Oxford and Edinburgh Conferences." It is hoped that apart from the members of the commission helpful suggestions may be received from other Baptists. Any person desiring to offer suggestions should write to the chairman of the commission in whose subject matter he is interested. These chairmen are Principal N. J. Nordstrom, B.A., D.D., Englebrektsgatan 18, Stockholm, Sweden (Commission No. 1); Principal H. Wheeler Robinson, M.A., D.D., 55 St. Giles, Oxford, England (Commission No. 2); and Prof. W. O. Carver, D.D., Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, Louisville, Ky., U. S. A. (Commission No. 3).



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But have no gift to charm away,  
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But never doleful dream again,  
Shall break the happy slumber when  
He giveth His beloved sleep."

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## MISSION STUDY

Mrs. J. H. Nutt

Our Mission Study plans for the first quarter of 1938 call for a study of Rural Life in the South. This is such a good opportunity for us to make a thorough study of the growing problem and needs of the rural people at our very door and there is such a vast amount of fine material at our disposal that I hope every society will enter into the plan with enthusiasm.

We are suggesting that each society work up an original program. When you get into the planning of such a program the possibilities are limitless for a most interesting and helpful study. We are not suggesting a text book but following is a list of books to be used as reference books, together with a list of free material. You will think of other material as you work.

We will be given seals for this kind of program, but 50% of the women must be given a part to work up, three hours must be spent in class and an examination must be given.

For those not wishing to use such a program or those who do not think it practical in their particular society there are a number of good Home Mission books. Write the Baptist Book Store, Jackson, for a catalog and select one your society has not had. The book that we are to study preceding the Week of Prayer for Home Missions is ready. It is "Fruits of the Years" by Mrs. H. M. Wharton. It is good and will count as a book for Home Mission credit, provided Point Seven of Standard of Excellence is met.

## SUGGESTED OUTLINE OF STUDY OF RURAL LIFE IN THE SOUTH

- I. Rural South Looks at its Past.
- II. A Changing Rural South.
  1. Changed economic life.
  2. Changing population.
  3. Changing community, educational and home life.
- III. Status of Rural Life in My Own State.
  1. Economic Mississippi.
  2. Educational Mississippi.
  3. Cultural Mississippi.
  4. Social Mississippi.
- IV. The Rural Church and the New Day.
- V. Survey of Surrounding Community.
  1. Living conditions.
  2. Educational advantages.
  3. Religious training.
  4. Possibilities of help my society might give.

### Books:

Rebuilding Rural America—Dawber—Baptist Book Store, \$6.00.  
The South Looks at its Past—Kendrick-Arnett—U. of N. C., \$2.00.  
Southern Regions of United States—Odum—U. of N. C., \$4.00.  
Human Geography of the South—Vance—U. of N. C., \$2.00.  
Any State Mission book—Baptist Book Store, Jackson.

### Free Material:

Mississippi—State Department of Agriculture—Jackson, Miss.  
The Task of the Farm Security Administration—Your Congressman.  
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Mississippi in Literature and Legend—State Department of Education.  
Miscellaneous local information—Local W. P. A., Home Dem. Offices, Daily Press.



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### NEW YEAR'S GREETING

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To the members of the Baptist com-  
munion throughout the world.

Dear brothers and sisters:

At the opening of a New Year  
we once more greet you in the name  
of our Lord Jesus Christ.

I.

The unity which our Alliance rep-  
resents is a blessed reality for which  
our people in every continent give  
thanks to God. We have seen new  
evidence of this in the year that is  
passing away.

We recall with joy the series of  
Regional Conferences in Europe in  
which we were privileged to par-  
ticipate. Differences of race and  
language vanished in the all-pervad-  
ing sense of oneness in Christ; and  
the Zurich World Conference, bring-  
ing together young Baptists from  
East and West, North and South,  
provided a fitting and impressive  
climax.

India has seen the birth of an All-  
India Baptist Union, embracing men  
varying in race and speech, but  
unified by their common loyalty to  
the Gospel. China, where linguistic  
difficulties are fewer, but distances  
great, has laid firm the foundations  
of her national Baptist Alliance.

II.

Our hearts are specially drawn to  
our fellow-believers in certain lands.

We share the universal horror at  
the cruel wrongs inflicted upon  
China. We pray that our Baptist  
brethren, all other Christians of  
that land, and the whole Chinese  
people, may be granted strength,  
courage and patience under their  
trials, and a happy issue from all  
their afflictions.

In Russia, through the long  
years, our people have suffered and  
still remain faithful; we dare not  
forget them.

In Rumania, ecclesiastical and  
civil authorities have tested the soul  
of our brethren, but the "sufficient  
grace" has not failed. With clear  
mind and strong heart, they main-  
tain their witness, and as their  
story is told to the world, it has  
evoked admiration as well as sym-  
pathy.

These are days of fierce challenge.  
In wide areas of earth, religious  
liberty has been trampled under

foot, and in others it is menaced.

Such days need us. The story of  
our past with its witness for lib-  
erty reinforces our energy for  
present-day tasks. Truth and free-  
dom are unconquerable. Though  
alone, we would still stand for these  
Divine ideals, and we gladly join  
hands with all fellow-Christians who  
are ready to serve them. But as  
heirs of Helwys, Roger Williams and  
John Bunyan, we Baptists feel the  
responsibility of our heritage. We  
must bear unflinching witness for  
truth and freedom. 1938 calls for  
that witness. Let us enter the New  
Year resolved to maintain our loy-  
alty to Christ and our liberty in  
Him.

May God grant you all a year  
made strong and joyous by His holy  
presence!

We are, dear brethren,

Yours in the fellowship of the

Lord Jesus,

George W. Trustt,

President

J. H. Rushbrooke,

General Secretary

Baptist World Alliance Offices,  
4, Southampton Row,

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### THE WHOLE WORLD CALLED TO PRAYER

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Since the beginning of Japan's  
undeclared war against China last  
August, the Foreign Mission Board  
has repeatedly called Southern Bap-  
tists to prayer that God's mercy  
may prevail and God's will may be  
done.

Some one offers the following  
prayer for mercy, for grace and for  
peace:

"Almighty God, our Father, from  
whom every family in heaven and  
earth is named, hear our prayer for  
Thy children in other lands who live  
in the midst of conflict and death,  
who are wounded in spirit and in  
body by man's inhumanity to man.  
Have mercy upon them and sus-  
tain them in their dark hour of trial  
and temptation. Forgive us our  
indolence and faithlessness in not  
teaching nations a better way than  
strife. Purge our own hearts of  
racial and national antagonisms.

"O God of love, draw us all so  
close unto Thyself that we may be  
enabled by Thy grace to pray for  
our enemies as did Christ himself,  
to put away all malice, and to sub-  
due the hateful promptings of evil.  
So may our fellowship within Thy  
church universal endure in spite of  
distance, falsehood and bloodshed.

"Gather us together with all our  
Christian brothers of every tongue  
and nation beneath the Cross of  
Christ that in humility we may  
learn of Him how to serve Thee in  
healing the wounds of a stricken  
world. Enlarge our hearts to re-  
spond to suffering and need that we  
may give and not count the cost.

"May thy wisdom guide us. May  
Thy power sustain us. And may  
Thy love keep us ever. Amen."

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B. T. U. ATTENDANCE, DEC. 26  
Laurel, West Laurel Church .....142  
Meridian, 41st Ave. Church ..... 35

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B. T. U. ATTENDANCE DEC. 19  
Columbia, First Church .....105  
Meridian, 41st Ave. Church..... 48

### DEACON A. C. CLINE

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On Dec. 1 God called Deacon  
Abram Cline, better known to his  
host of friends as "Uncle Abram,"  
to his home in Glory.

Uncle Abram was 84 years old.  
For 71 years he lived in Rankin  
County, a peaceful loving citizen,  
and a true follower of God. It can  
well be said of him, "Thou hast  
been faithful."

He gave God his heart and the  
church his service as a very young  
man, being a member of the Bap-  
tist church nearly 70 years.

As long as health permitted he  
was punctual at service.

He was one of the great inspira-  
tions to me during his last 40 years  
and memory of him shall be in the  
future.

He may not be counted as a great  
scholar so far as degrees or schools  
of man are concerned but as for  
actual knowledge of God's word he  
was well versed, as he daily medi-  
tated thereon.

Being a shut-in for a great part  
of the last ten years, he spent his  
time reading "The Book," as he  
referred to his Bible.

He spent the last 13 years of his  
life in Lincoln County near Wesson.  
He was buried at Clear Branch  
in Rankin County Dec. 2 at 2:00  
p. m. at which it was my privilege  
to conduct the funeral.

His favorite scripture was First  
Thessalonians 5:19.

Life's race well run  
Life's work well done  
Life's crown well won

Now comes rest.

—O. L. Byrd.

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### SPURGEON'S TABERNACLE

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Baptists throughout the whole  
world are interested in the London  
church which is for all time asso-  
ciated with the name and fame of  
Charles Haddon Spurgeon. The con-  
gregation in these days are of  
course not the enormous crowds  
which they were in his time, but  
the Tabernacle Church remains as-  
tonishingly healthy and vigorous. I  
had the privilege of preaching there  
last Sunday (November 14th), and  
while naturally many seats in the  
huge building were empty, I think  
it is no exaggeration to say that  
there are not more than two other  
Baptist church buildings in London  
in which either the morning or eve-  
ning congregation could have been  
seated. The steady and edifying min-  
istry of the Rev. Tydeman Chilvers  
is held in thankful memory. The  
church has invited Dr. Gragam  
Scroggie to occupy its pulpit from

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don, England.

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### THEY MUST NOT DIE

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For more than one hundred years,  
American Christians have poured  
into China a wealth of money and  
love. The wealth of the Church in  
China is not in the church buildings,  
the universities, colleges and schools,  
not in the hospitals, important as  
all these things are, but in the hun-  
dreds of thousands of souls which  
constitute its membership. These  
people, faithful Christians, must not  
be allowed to die of disease or star-  
vation. They must be helped in their  
fight for rehabilitation. Among  
them are real leaders of China.

In spite of war with shells and  
gas and air raids, Christian work  
in evangelism, education and medi-  
cine continues in China. While  
women and children and frail and  
aged missionaries have been recall-  
ed from some stations, the great  
majority of missionaries in China  
are carrying on. Mission hospitals  
continue their work.—A Christian  
witness to a world at war.

—BR—

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We have received a copy of "The Commission" from the Foreign Mission Board and it is filled with missionary facts and interesting bits of news from the fields. This magazine is 50¢ for the year and will keep you acquainted with our foreign news.

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Many Baptist churches have placed a 3% provision—that is 3% of the monthly salaries of their pastors in their annual budgets to match a like payment by their pastors in order that they might join with them in providing against old age or disability dependency through the AGE SECURITY PLAN OF THE RELIEF AND ANNUITY BOARD OF THE SOUTHERN BAPTIST CONVENTION. Do you want to investigate this matter? Do you want your church to do the Christian thing by its pastor? Do you want free literature concerning it? Will you think and pray about it and bring it to the attention of your budget committee or deacons? Write Thomas J. Watts, Executive Secretary, 2002 Tower Petroleum Building, Dallas, Texas.

## MISSION STUDY

Mrs. J. H. Nutt

Our Mission Study plans for the first quarter of 1938 call for a study of Rural Life in the South. This is such a good opportunity for us to make a thorough study of the growing problem and needs of the rural people at our very door and there is such a vast amount of fine material at our disposal that I hope every society will enter into the plan with enthusiasm.

We are suggesting that each society work up an original program. When you get into the planning of such a program the possibilities are limitless for a most interesting and helpful study. We are not suggesting a text book but following is a list of books to be used as reference books, together with a list of free material. You will think of other material as you work.

We will be given seals for this kind of program, but 50% of the women must be given a part to work up, three hours must be spent in class and an examination must be given.

For those not wishing to use such a program or those who do not think it practical in their particular society, there are a number of good Home Mission books. Write the Baptist Book Store, Jackson, for a catalog and select one your society has not had. The book that we are to study preceding the Week of Prayer for Home Missions is ready. It is "Fruits of the Years" by Mrs. H. M. Wharton. It is good and will count as a book for Home Mission credit, provided Point Seven of Standard of Excellence is met.

## SUGGESTED OUTLINE OF STUDY OF RURAL LIFE IN THE SOUTH

### I. Rural South Looks at its Past.

### II. A Changing Rural South.

1. Changed economic life.
2. Changing population.
3. Changing community, educational and home life.

### III. Status of Rural Life in My Own State.

1. Economic Mississippi.
2. Educational Mississippi.
3. Cultural Mississippi.
4. Social Mississippi.

### IV. The Rural Church and the New Day.

### V. Survey of Surrounding Community.

1. Living conditions.
2. Educational advantages.
3. Religious training.
4. Possibilities of help my society might give.

#### Books:

Rebuilding Rural America—Dawber—Baptist Book Store, \$60.

The South Looks at its Past—Kendrick-Arnett—U. of N. C., \$2.00.

Southern Regions of United States—Odum—U. of N. C., \$4.00.

Human Geography of the South—Vance—U. of N. C., \$2.00.

Any State Mission book—Baptist Book Store, Jackson.

#### Free Material:

Mississippi—State Department of Agriculture—Jackson, Miss.

The Task of the Farm Security Administration—Your Congressman.

Resettlement Administration—Your Congressman.

Mississippi in Literature and Legend—State Department of Education.

Miscellaneous local information—Local W. P. A., Home Dem. Offices, Daily Press.



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### NEW YEAR'S GREETING

To the members of the Baptist com-  
munion throughout the world.

Dear brothers and sisters:

At the opening of a New Year  
we once more greet you in the name  
of our Lord Jesus Christ.

I.

The unity which our Alliance rep-  
resents is a blessed reality for which  
our people in every continent give  
thanks to God. We have seen new  
evidence of this in the year that is  
passing away.

We recall with joy the series of  
Regional Conferences in Europe in  
which we were privileged to partici-  
pate. Differences of race and  
language vanished in the all-pervad-  
ing sense of oneness in Christ; and  
the Zurich World Conference, bring-  
ing together young Baptists from  
East and West, North and South,  
provided a fitting and impressive  
climax.

India has seen the birth of an All-  
India Baptist Union, embracing men  
varying in race and speech, but  
unified by their common loyalty to  
the Gospel. China, where linguistic  
difficulties are fewer, but distances  
great, has laid firm the foundations  
of her national Baptist Alliance.

II.

Our hearts are specially drawn to  
our fellow-believers in certain lands.

We share the universal horror at  
the cruel wrongs inflicted upon  
China. We pray that our Baptist  
brethren, all other Christians of  
that land, and the whole Chinese  
people, may be granted strength,  
courage and patience under their  
trials, and a happy issue from all  
their afflictions.

In Russia, through the long  
years, our people have suffered and  
still remain faithful; we dare not  
forget them.

In Rumania, ecclesiastical and  
civil authorities have tested the soul  
of our brethren, but the "sufficient  
grace" has not failed. With clear  
mind and strong heart, they main-  
tain their witness, and as their  
story is told to the world, it has  
evoked admiration as well as sym-  
pathy.

These are days of fierce challenge.  
In wide areas of earth, religious  
liberty has been trampled under

foot, and in others it is menaced.

Such days need us. The story of  
our past with its witness for lib-  
erty reinforces our energy for  
present-day tasks. Truth and free-  
dom are unconquerable. Though  
alone, we would still stand for these  
Divine ideals, and we gladly join  
hands with all fellow-Christians who  
are ready to serve them. But as  
heirs of Helwys, Roger Williams and  
John Bunyan, we Baptists feel the  
responsibility of our heritage. We  
must bear unflinching witness for  
truth and freedom. 1938 calls for  
that witness. Let us enter the New  
Year resolved to maintain our loy-  
alty to Christ and our liberty in  
Him.

May God grant you all a year  
made strong and joyous by His holy  
presence!

We are, dear brethren,

Yours in the fellowship of the

Lord Jesus,

George W. Trustt,

President

J. H. Rushbrooke,

General Secretary

Baptist World Alliance Offices,

4, Southampton Row,

London, W. C. 1

—BR—

### THE WHOLE WORLD CALLED TO PRAYER

—O—

Since the beginning of Japan's  
undeclared war against China last  
August, the Foreign Mission Board  
has repeatedly called Southern Bap-  
tists to prayer that God's mercy  
may prevail and God's will may be  
done.

Some one offers the following  
prayer for mercy, for grace and for  
peace:

"Almighty God, our Father, from  
whom every family in heaven and  
earth is named, hear our prayer for  
Thy children in other lands who live  
in the midst of conflict and death,  
who are wounded in spirit and in  
body by man's inhumanity to man.  
Have mercy upon them and sus-  
tain them in their dark hour of trial  
and temptation. Forgive us our  
indolence and faithlessness in not  
teaching nations a better way than  
strife. Purge our own hearts of  
racial and national antagonisms.

"O God of love, draw us all so  
close unto Thyself that we may be  
enabled by Thy grace to pray for  
our enemies as did Christ himself,  
to put away all malice, and to sub-  
due the hateful promptings of evil.  
So may our fellowship within Thy  
church universal endure in spite of  
distance, falsehood and bloodshed.

"Gather us together with all our  
Christian brothers of every tongue  
and nation beneath the Cross of  
Christ that in humility we may  
learn of Him how to serve Thee in  
healing the wounds of a stricken  
world. Enlarge our hearts to re-  
spond to suffering and need that we  
may give and not count the cost.

"May thy wisdom guide us. May  
Thy power sustain us. And may  
Thy love keep us ever. Amen."

—BR—

B. T. U. ATTENDANCE, DEC. 26

Laurel, West Laurel Church ..... 142

Meridian, 41st Ave. Church ..... 35

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B. T. U. ATTENDANCE DEC. 19

Columbia, First Church ..... 105

Meridian, 41st Ave. Church ..... 48

### DEACON A. C. CLINE

—O—

On Dec. 1 God called Deacon  
Abram Cline, better known to his  
host of friends as "Uncle Abram,"  
to his home in Glory.

Uncle Abram was 84 years old.  
For 71 years he lived in Rankin  
County, a peaceful loving citizen,  
and a true follower of God. It can  
well be said of him, "Thou hast  
been faithful."

He gave God his heart and the  
church his service as a very young  
man, being a member of the Bap-  
tist church nearly 70 years.

As long as health permitted he  
was punctual at service.

He was one of the great inspira-  
tions to me during his last 40 years  
and memory of him shall be in the  
future.

He may not be counted as a great  
scholar so far as degrees or schools  
of man are concerned but as for  
actual knowledge of God's word he  
was well versed, as he daily medi-  
tated thereon.

Being a shut-in for a great part  
of the last ten years, he spent his  
time reading "The Book," as he  
referred to his Bible.

He spent the last 13 years of his  
life in Lincoln County near Wesson.

He was buried at Clear Branch  
in Rankin County Dec. 2 at 2:00  
p. m. at which it was my privilege  
to conduct the funeral.

His favorite scripture was First  
Thessalonians 5:19.

Life's race well run

Life's work well done

Life's crown well won

Now comes rest.

—O. L. Byrd.

—BR—

### SPURGEON'S TABERNACLE

—O—

Baptists throughout the whole  
world are interested in the London  
church which is for all time asso-  
ciated with the name and fame of  
Charles Haddon Spurgeon. The con-  
gregation in these days are of  
course not the enormous crowds  
which they were in his time, but  
the Tabernacle Church remains as-  
tonishingly healthy and vigorous. I  
had the privilege of preaching there  
last Sunday (November 14th), and  
while naturally many seats in the  
huge building were empty, I think  
it is no exaggeration to say that  
there are not more than two other  
Baptist church buildings in London  
in which either the morning or eve-  
ning congregation could have been  
seated. The steady and edifying min-  
istry of the Rev. Tydeman Chilvers  
is held in thankful memory. The  
church has invited Dr. Gragam  
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don, England.

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### THEY MUST NOT DIE

—O—

For more than one hundred years,  
American Christians have poured  
into China a wealth of money and  
love. The wealth of the Church in  
China is not in the church buildings,  
the universities, colleges and schools,  
not in the hospitals, important as  
all these things are, but in the hun-  
dreds of thousands of souls which  
constitute its membership. These  
people, faithful Christians, must not  
be allowed to die of disease or star-  
vation. They must be helped in their  
fight for rehabilitation. Among  
them are real leaders of China.

In spite of war with shells and  
gas and air raids, Christian work  
in evangelism, education and medi-  
cine continues in China. While  
women and children and frail and  
aged missionaries have been recall-  
ed from some stations, the great  
majority of missionaries in China  
are carrying on. Mission hospitals  
continue their work.—A Christian  
witness to a world at war.

—BR—

### B. T. U. ATTENDANCE JAN. 2ND

Jackson, First Church ..... 143

Jackson, Calvary Church ..... 223

Jackson, Grif. Mem. Church ..... 300

Jackson, Davis Mem. Church ..... 114

Jackson, Parkway Church ..... 35

Jackson, Northside Church ..... 35

Newton Church ..... 106

Crystal Springs Church ..... 130

Meridian, 41st Ave. Church ..... 38

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## Sunday School Lesson

Prepared by  
L. B. CAMPBELL

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Lesson for January 9, 1938  
Title—PREPARING FOR A LIFE OF SERVICE

Mark 1:1-13

**Introduction:** Let us study the gospel of Mark together. To do so is in accord with my own desire as to the method of Bible study. To take a book of the Bible and study it in its setting, historical, sociological, theological, and otherwise is just my pet idea of how to study the Bible.

The author of this book was John Mark, a nephew of Barnabas, and son of one of the New Testament Marys. He was an associate of the apostles, and is mentioned in the writings of Paul and of Luke. As an untamed young preacher, he quailed before the hardships of the missionary, and went back home. (Acts 12:13). This conduct upon Mark's part seems to have destroyed for the time Paul's confidence in him. On account of which destruction Paul and Barnabas parted company that Barnabas might take Mark with him. (Acts 15:37-39). But the young preacher who had crumbled under the heavy load at first later became seasoned in the work and became a profitable helper unto Paul. Dr. A. T. Robertson wrote a book about Mark, "Making Good in the Ministry." Every preacher ought to read that book. Mark is supposed to have written his gospel under the watchful eye of Peter.

The Gospel of Mark is such a composition as we would expect from the man whom we conceive Peter to have been. It is the briefest of the four Gospels. It is emphatically the Gospel of action. Its keyword is "straightway," "immediately," "right away." In this Gospel our Lord is seen as the mighty worker, rather than as the unique teacher. Mark's is the Gospel of the servant, minister. Everywhere the servant character of the incarnate son is manifest. If the keyword is "straightway," the key verse is (10:45) "For even the Son of Man came not to be ministered to, but to minister, and to give his soul a ransom for many," (Worrell). As befits a servant-gospel, Mark is characteristically a Gospel of deeds, rather than a word.

One may easily read this Gospel through at a sitting. In your Bible it doesn't occupy over twenty pages. Tell you what let's do—Let's read it through once a week while we are studying it. The printed portion of the lesson text for this week is the first thirteen verses of the Gospel. I am going to write them in for you here from Ferrar Fenton's translation of the New Testament:

The beginning of the gospel of Jesus Christ, Son of God, as Isaiah the prophet wrote:

Lo, now I will send my messenger before your face, who shall prepare the road before you; a voice proclaiming in the desert, Make ready the road for the Lord, make his paths straight.

John did baptize in the desert, and was the one who came and proclaimed a baptism of conversion for freedom from sins. And all the people of the district about Judea and Jerusalem went out to him; and were all baptized under him in the river Jordan, confessing their sins.

John was clothed in camel's hair, with a leather belt around his waist; and he lived upon locusts and wild honey. And he preached, saying "There comes after me a mightier than I, whose shoelace I am not even worthy to stoop down and untie. I certainly baptize you in water; but He will baptize you in the Holy Spirit."

It was in those days, that Jesus came from Nazareth of Galilee, and was baptized by John, in the Jordan. And immediately upon ascending from the water he saw the heavens part asunder; and the Spirit, in the likeness of a dove, descended upon Him; while a voice from the heavens said, "You are my Son, my beloved, in whom I delight."

Then at once the Spirit drove Him to the desert, to be tried by Satan for forty days; and He was in company with the wild beasts, but the angels ministered to Him.

In this passage we see Mark's title for his Gospel "The beginning of the Gospel of Jesus Christ, Son of God." (Verse one). Mark notifies us next that his Gospel concerns one who was the subject of prophetic utterance. Isaiah had predicted the coming of the herald of Christ and this herald King in the person of John the Baptist. (Verses four to eight.)

Mark gives a brief account of the Baptist's ministry. He says that it

consisted of preaching and of baptizing those who believed the content of the preaching. John proclaimed the coming Messiah and declared that it behooved the people of his day to be prepared for his coming. This preparation was to be an inward thing. He commanded his hearers to turn from their sins. The outward evidence of this inward turning was baptism.

Mark takes occasion to describe John. John was the first but not the last Baptist preacher to come out of the country. He was dressed in a country garb, he dined on country fare, and from Matthew (3:5-12) we learn that he spoke country language. "The ax laid at the root of every tree," "Brood of vipers," or "Den of snakes," are country figures of speech. But John believed something, believed it with all his heart, believed that it was tremendously important and believed that he was under binding obligation to tell with all the earnestness of his soul what he believed. And that is the reason that "Jerusalem, and the people about Judea, as well as the whole neighborhood of Jordan, went to him."

Now Jesus came to John to be baptized by him in the Jordan. Jesus evidently thought that the manner of baptism was of considerable importance. He walked sixty miles from Nazareth of Galilee to the fords of the Jordan, all the way, to be baptized. He did not belong to that modern school of thought which declares baptism to be of little or no importance. He submitted himself to it as being an act becoming to him who would "Fulfill all righteousness." And it was after he had submitted to baptism at the hands of John that "He saw the heavens rent asunder, and the Spirit as a dove descending upon him; and a voice came out of the heavens, Thou art my beloved Son, in thee I am well pleased." (Verses ten and eleven.)

Verses twelve and thirteen are Mark's accounts of the temptation. He as the other writers who relate this incident sets it immediately after the baptism and the testimony of the Father to the excellency of the Son. The devil came to Him right on the heels of His loftiest experience. The devil has not abandoned this method of approach. Christian workers meet the devil just in the hour of their greatest triumph in the Lord.

### INDIANOLA

The revival in the First Baptist Church of Indianola, Miss., has just closed. Rev. W. Clyde Hankins, pastor, did the preaching with Mr. Strickland of Diamond Hill Baptist Church of Fort Worth, Texas, leading the song service.

There were 37 received in the church, 13 on profession of faith and 24 by letter. Quite a number rededicated their lives for the Lord. Much good was accomplished and much interest manifested during this meeting. Mrs. Percy Ray.

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# REV. M. J. DERRICK PASSES

Rev. M. J. Derrick, 68-year-old retired Baptist minister, died at his home here in Alta Woods Saturday after an illness of several months.

He was a native of Rankin County. His pastorates carried him to several Mississippi towns, including Canton, Hattiesburg, and Vicksburg, and he was highly respected everywhere.

Retirement was forced by ill health, and Rev. Derrick made his home here since June, 1937, becoming a member of the Calvary Baptist Church.

He is survived by his wife, two brothers, A. B. Derrick of Jackson, and Rev. W. J. Derrick of Jonesboro, Ark., one sister, Mrs. Minnie Clark, Jackson; and the following nieces and nephews, Mrs. Harry Bugge, New Orleans; Mrs. J. C. Baughman, Vicksburg; Mrs. Perry Luckett, Jackson; Mrs. John F. Weeks, Jr., Jackson; George Clark, Jackson; James Derrick, Jackson; and Mrs. Birdye Butler, Jackson.

Funeral services will be held at the Wright and Ferguson Funeral Chapel on Sunday afternoon at 3:30 o'clock, conducted by Dr. W. T. Lowrey of Clinton, Rev. W. A. Hewitt of Jackson, and Rev. Theodore Whitfield of Pocahontas. Interment will be in Cedarlawn cemetery.

Active pallbearers will be nephews of Rev. Derrick, Perry Luckett, J. F. Weeks, Jr., George Clark, J. C. Baughman, and Harry Bugge.

Honorary pallbearers will be Dr. H. M. King, pastor of Rev. Derrick's church here, and the Jackson and Clinton ministers.

—Clarion Ledger.

## THE HOME-GOING OF MRS. I. H. CALDWELL

Notices of the passing of Granny Caldwell, as we affectionately called her, on November 19 have already appeared in the Record. On last July 14 with her children, grandchildren, and great grandchildren who could be present she celebrated her 83rd birthday. In girlhood she was Alice Louise Berry of the illustrious Berry family of northeast Mississippi. For more than sixty-five years she has been an esteemed resident of the Cherry Creek Community and a loyal and beloved member of the historic church there. With her Christian husband, who went home twelve years ago, she reared four sons and three daughters, including Miss Pearl Caldwell, one of Southern Baptists most esteemed missionaries to China, and including her who has been a mother to this writer most of his life; and she saw them all baptized into the Cherry Creek Church.

For many years she was a faithful and efficient Sunday school teacher, and as such touched the lives of literally hundreds. She had been a member of the Cherry Creek W. M. S. from its founding more than forty years ago and was its president for twenty years. For a long time to come there will be many who will thank God for her labors and her influence.

John F. Carter

# THE LAST CALL

This is the last notice that will appear in the Record regarding the conferences for associational Sunday school officers and selected representatives at Grenada First Church, January 13, 14 and at East McComb Baptist Church, January 14, 15.

Our aim is a full representation from every association in the state. From organized associations we hope every officer will attend one of these conferences. From associations not yet organized, we are very anxious for a full group of selected representatives.

Let associational superintendents, moderators, and others interested make definite arrangements for cars to go and carry the officers, and selected representatives from any association not yet having the officers elected.

The Sunday School Board is paying 2¢ per mile each way for one, two, or three cars carrying associational officers or selected representatives. Grenada and McComb are furnishing bed and breakfast free to all who desire it. Those going to McComb and wanting bed and breakfast will please send their names to Rev. W. A. Gill, McComb, Miss.

Let us all unite in a mighty effort to make these conferences really profitable for all our work. Do your best to come. A great program is in store for all who attend.

E. C. Williams.

## 41ST AVENUE, MERIDIAN

We had a very impressive and profitable ordination service at the Forty-First Avenue Church, Meridian, on the evening of Sunday, Dec. 12, 1937, when brethren J. M. McLemore, George Morris Ethridge and Adelbert Evans were ordained as deacons of the church. Dr. T. M. Fleming of the Fifteenth Avenue Baptist Church preached the ordination service and Dr. H. C. Bass of the First Baptist Church delivered the charge.

And on Sunday evening of the 19th a Christmas pageant, "The Bethlehem Scene," was presented by a group of the members of the church and congregation when a capacity audience was present with every available seat and space in the church auditorium filled to enjoy the presentation. The gifts of money and other things were distributed later to spread good cheer and happiness at Christmas time.

The work here at Forty-First Ave. Church goes on apace, and for the coming year of 1938 the prospects are as bright as the promises of God. "Forgetting the things that are behind, and reaching forward to those things which are before, we are pressing on toward the mark for the prize of the high calling of God in Christ Jesus."

Fraternally,  
J. L. Boyd, Pastor



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# CENTRAL BAPTIST CHURCH OF PORTO ALEGRE BRAZIL

By Harley Smith

This marvelous church was made possible by the generous gifts of Drs. Maddry and Scarborough while on their visit to our dynamic and most progressive capital of south Brazil. It had been the dream of our hearts for twelve years to have a central church in this rapidly growing city of South America. We had worked and planned to that end constantly but from year to year our plans failed because of the lack of funds. There was no church centrally located where our people and the people of the city could attend with any convenience and satisfaction. Drs. Maddry and Scarborough realized this great need after seeing the hall in which we worshipped at the time of their visit.

The Episcopalians graciously lent us their fine social hall down town for our services during the stay of these brethren with us. Seeing the wonderful opportunity of the work in our city and realizing the serious handicaps under which we were working, Drs. Maddry and Scarborough made personal pledges to the amount of twenty-five dollars per month for this work for a period of twelve months. Thus we were able to rent a large former factory building and with the help of the Lord, make out of it one of the most beautiful preaching halls in Brazil, besides arranging for sixteen rooms for Sunday school and B. Y. P. U. purposes. This building being in easy access of all the city of Porto Alegre, has been a marvelous blessing to the cause of Christ from the day it was opened. It has already become the spiritual home of our people. It will become more and more a place of spiritual awakening and power as the people learn where it is.

The German Baptist people held services for a week in the church a few weeks ago and were delighted with the location and house.

Dr. T. C. Bagby and family, just back from furlough last month, are visiting us in Porto Alegre. T. C. conducted a two weeks revival in this church and although continuous rains hindered the meeting greatly, the Lord wonderfully blessed the efforts. He has been conducting meetings in our city now for more than a month. He will return to Sao Paulo with his family, this week where they will take up again their regular work. He has invited

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us for three revivals in the churches of Sao Paulo. We shall look forward with pleasure to spending a few days in special meetings in that state sometime in the future. God has abundantly blessed the revival efforts of this servant of His while in our midst.

We are to have several baptisms in the Central Church of Porto Alegre and several in the little church across the river from our city.

Our general state work is moving along very well in spite of the long distances and the lack of workers. Foundations are being laid however with no little difficulty.

Mr. Willard Alley, of Richmond, Va., visited us a few days ago. He came by airplane from the West coast on his return trip to the States. He spent the night in our city but had to catch the plane out the following morning. We are always happy to have a visit from our friends in the good old U. S. A.

Word has just come to us that Dr. Dodd will probably not make our city on his tour of the South. We regret this immensely. It may be that arrangements can be made for his coming by airplane for a few hours' stop. It would be a great blessing to our cause to have him to conduct some revival services in our new Central church. He would be able to tell Drs. Maddry and Scarborough and the women of Texas about this wonderful preaching hall in the center of this rapidly growing metropolis of the world.

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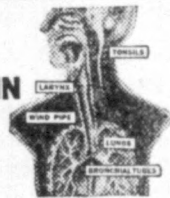
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# The Children's Circle



## JULIA TOY JOHNSON LIPSEY

Believing that those who have watched from week to week for the Children's Circle in the Baptist Record will be interested in knowing something more of the one who has edited this page for many years, these lines are contributed by the one who knew her best. The likeness appearing above is from a photograph which was made only a few years ago. We are glad that many who never met her personally may be able to see how she looked to those on whose hearts her face is photographed forever.

Julia Toy Johnson was born in Portsmouth, Va., on March 24 in the year 1867; the daughter of Rev. John Lipscomb Johnson and Julia Toy Johnson. Her father was then a pastor in that city. Her mother was of a well-known family in Norfolk. Soon afterward her father taught in the college at Danville, Va., and early in the seventies came to the University of Mississippi where he was head of the English Department for many years. He came to be well known and loved by Mississippi Baptists.

Her girlhood was spent in the home on the campus of the University. She was the oldest of six children who grew to manhood and womanhood, the pride and admiration of the household. She was graduated from Warren Female Institute in Oxford when a girl of sixteen. To one who had already learned to love her, she seemed, at her graduation, the most beautiful creature on earth, as she entered the First Baptist Church that morning for the commencement service; and there has been no occasion for a change of mind.

Our acquaintance began in the autumn of 1882, and on Thanksgiving day of that year she listened to the story of one who had given her his heart to be received and preserved for all the years. In 1886 these two who were to be one were graduated together from the University of Mississippi. Miss Julia then taught for a year at Judson College in Marion, Alabama, then taught for two years at State Teachers' College in Farmville, Va. Like Jacob and Rachel these two waited seven years before their love



MRS. JULIA TOY JOHNSON LIPSEY

was climaxed by marriage on November 21, 1889 in the chapel of Mary Sharpe College, Winchester, Tenn., where her father was president.

Her Christian life began in girlhood. She was baptized into the fellowship of the church at Oxford by the pastor, Dr. Z. T. Leavell, and for nearly ten years grew in grace as a member of that congregation. Her Christian life was not without its crises. Once she had to decide whether she was willing to share the hardships belonging to the wife of a preacher. Then when it seemed that this preacher might become a foreign missionary, after painful struggle she wrote, "I am ready to go with you anywhere on earth." From that day her life went all the way in the service of the King. She bore hardship without a murmur. Stressful years of service and sacrifice became her joy and satisfaction. Having set her heart and face to the companionship of a preacher's life, there was no other thought than to find life's satisfactions in helpfulness to others. She has been an inspiration to many, but none have felt it so helpfully as the one who loved her most and the children whom God has given her. They thank God for every remembrance of her, and stand with bowed heads to bless her memory.

Beside having a wholesome and controlling religious experience, she had fine literary taste and culture. We do not need to tell the readers of this page that her Bible stories showed a beautiful spiritual insight, a sympathetic understanding of the scriptures, but also the gift of

happy and beautiful expression. She was often asked to contribute articles for various cultural organizations to which she belonged.

She had a fine faculty for friendship. She was interested in people and cherished her friends and kept alive her associations with them. In her school days she was a member of the Delta Gamma Sorority. And while her church occupied her chief interest, she found time for the fellowships to be had in the Daughters of the American Revolution, the United Daughters of the Confederacy, the Woman's Christian Temperance Union and possibly others. Not long ago came a letter to her from a friend whom she had not seen for more than forty-five years. Too late for her to read it came a letter from a friend now in Florida loved since her residence in Vicksburg forty-five years ago.

In her church she taught for many years the T. E. L. class in Sunday school; was president of the Women's Missionary Society and was active in many forms of service. In the past two years her health has declined, and sometimes from her sickbed she sent the copy for the Children's Circle, but there was never a mention of her sickness or suffering. Upon the advice of her physician son she gave up all her work months ago, except on this page. To this her heart clung. It was the outlet for her spiritual life, and her means of helpfulness to others. She claved to it to the end. Her heart went out in love to all who read this page, and especially to those who contributed to it.

This word must be said further: She loved her own children devotedly. There was never a stronger motherly heart. And because she loved her own children, she loved all children. Of these she was constantly thinking in her last illness. It was her joy to enlist the children who have homes in the work of helping those in our Orphans' Home. And she believed that to help some one to prepare for Christian service was our great opportunity. For this reason she sought to maintain a student at the Baptist Bible Institute.

Grateful we are for her life. Our prayer is that our Father may perpetuate and magnify her ministry.



## EVER LEARNING, BUT NEVER KNOWING

### II Tim. 3:7

Ever learning, and never able to come to the knowledge of the truth.

The increased knowledge and improved facilities of our times should make for better and greater spiritual life. But what are the facts? "The widened range of knowledge of science and sex has brought a strain on both faith and self-control, and the improved means of living and travel have led to an easy-going and materialistic type of mind." This has come to pass because we have sought progress without piety, a life without a creed, and a code of ethics without theology. It is a case of "water, water everywhere, and not a drop to drink," or "so near, and yet so far away." It can be said of this generation that we are not far from the kingdom, yet we refuse to enter in.

And we can not enter in, unless we enter in through the door, and "Christ is the Door." To leave Christ out of our progress and advancement is to miss everything. It is Christ or chaos!

We explore the field of biology and never discover the Giver of Life and Light.

We study geology, and never learn that He is the Rock of Ages.

We magnify our anthropology, while we minimize the Son of Man.

We boast of our ancestry and are proud of the family tree, but fail to make connections with the Father of Everlasting Ages.

We are zealous in our contemplation of zoology, but we see not the Lion of the Tribe of Judah.

We make progress in animal husbandry, while we heed not the voice of the Good Shepherd nor behold the Lamb of God.

We capture rare species in the field of ornithology, but we never take hold of the Bird of Paradise.

We behold wonders in the world of botany, but never see the Rose of Sharon, the Lily of the Valley, the Crown of Thorns.

We are interested in horticulture, reforestation, and afforestation, but we refuse to feed from the Tree of Life and to abide in the True Vine.

We master anatomy, and never see Him who is the Creator of Body and Soul.

We mix our medicines, while we pass by Him who is the Panacea of the world's ills, the Great Physician, Healer of our hurts, and the Balm of Gilead.

We watch with care the physiology of our beings, but never look upon the Body that was broken for us.

We search diligently in the field of bacteriology, but we never find the One who is the Germ of Life.

We take courses in beauty culture, and fail to learn that He is the One who is "altogether lovely and the fairest among ten thousand."

We dig deep into the truths of etymology, and fail to find Him who is the Stem of Jesse and the Root of David.

We stand fascinated with the truths of philology, while we stum-

ble over the One who is the Word of God.

We dote on our bibliography, while dust settles on the One and only Book of God.

We study racial and inter-racial problems, while we forget the God who "hath determined the bounds of their habitation."

We spend our millions to build our highways, then turn aside from the Way on High.

We flatter ourselves with photography, but fail to look into the face of the One who is the Image of God.

We trace with interest the development of radio and radio-activity, but, at the same time, we do not know that Jesus is the One who radiates from God, and is the "brightness of His glory and the express image of His person."

We learn law, and never know the Royal Law of life according to the scriptures.

We guard ourselves on our etiquette, but never invite Him to be the "unseen Host at the meal nor the silent listener to the conversation."

We believe in the dietitian and cook by the rules of dietetics, but decline to feed on the Bread of Life, or to drink of the Water of Life that flows from the throne of God.

We ponder on pathology, yet do not pause to contemplate Him who is the Suffering Servant and the One who bore our sins in His body on a tree.

We boast of our psychology, but think little of Him who is the Mind of God and who is calling us to repentance.

We turn the pages of philosophy, and never find the One in whom we live and move and have our beings.

We master mathematics, and reckon not with the Master.

We are captivated by the beauties and wonders of astrology and astronomy, but never lift our eyes to look upon the Eastern Star, the Bright and Morning Star, and the Sun of Righteousness.

Our ears are tuned to harmony, but we never hear the Sweet Music of Life.

We pay great prices for our jewels, but see no bargain in the Pearl of Great Price.

We plan for architectural beauty and balance, but pay no attention to "the city that hath foundations, whose builder and maker is God."

We make much of militarism, while we heed not the commands of the Captain of our Salvation.

We pride ourselves on the form of our government, and never recognize "The Wonderful Counsellor . . .

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of whose government there shall be no end."

We cry: Peace, Peace, and crucify the Prince of Peace.

We endeavor to keep our chronology straight, yet we ignore Him "who is the same yesterday, today, and forever."

We wax interested in eschatology and lose interest in Him who is "The Beginning and the End, the Alpha and Omega."

We weep over our dead, and forget that He gives us the victory over death, hell, and the grave.

We are loyal in our ecclesiology, but say little and think less of the Christ who is the Head of the Church.

We scale the lofty heights of theology, but fall asleep in the presence of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ who alone is the way to the Father.

Yea, verily, we are "ever learning, and never able to come to the knowledge of the truth."

Give Christ His rightful place in all of life and the whole picture will be changed, for He is the Key that will unlock the closed door and open to us the true pathway of life and service. He said: "I am the Way, the Truth, and the Life."

R. B. Patterson

Okolona, Miss., 12/22/37.

## SYMPATHY TO A CHINESE FATHER

Recently a new grave was made by beautiful West Lake in Waichow in South China. Friends in America will be interested in this especially because of the sadness which has come to Rev. Shau-Yan Lee, who works among his own people in Greenville and Cleveland, Miss. Mrs. Lee was getting away from the terrible air raids in Canton and was on her way with her children to the old home above Waichow, when her son of fifteen years became suddenly ill. Almost suddenly the lad's life ebbed away and dear Mrs. Lee was dazed with the shock that came so unexpectedly. Her husband was pastor of the Baptist Church in Waichow when he left his home land to go to America. Friends of the South will remember Mr. Lee and his family in this bereavement.—A. R. Gallimore, Waichow, China.

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Their program is fuller than it was in years past, in that an educational program has been added to the regular work, in which they work with and strengthen every phase of church life, including tithing, stewardship, Baptist paper, Sunday school, B. Y. P. U., finances, Brotherhood and other denominational causes. Aside from conducting an evangelistic campaign they supervise a church enlargement program that will be of untold value to churches of all sizes. Especially is this type of work good for winter and early spring meetings.

Brother Smith's address after the 26th will be Route 2, Box 16, Hattiesburg.

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Jackson, Calvary Church	805
Jackson, Grif. Mem. Church	573
Jackson, Davis Mem. Church	192
Jackson, Parkway Church	191
Jackson, Northside Church	106
Laurel, First Church	473
Laurel, West Laurel Church	510
Laurel, 2nd Ave. Church	269
Crystal Springs Church	295
Meridian, 41st Ave. Church	197
Newton Church	220

## S. S. ATTENDANCE DEC. 26th

Laurel, First Church	310
Laurel, West Laurel Church	360
Laurel, 2nd Ave. Church	170
Meridian, 41st Ave. Church	168

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# "THE MINISTER FROM THE DOCTORS' VIEWPOINT"

By Dr. Thomas Purser, Sr.

As some of you probably know I am from a family of preachers. My father and his two brothers having spent many faithful years in that profession. They have all passed to their rewards. My father's two nephews are now quite actively engaged in the same work, one at Oxford, Mississippi, and the other at Birmingham, Alabama. Henry Purser, a cousin of my father recently died at about ninety years of age, having spent more than sixty years in the ministry. I have during my entire life been rather closely associated with preachers not only of the Baptist denomination but others as well. The first man I ever saw was a doctor and the second one was a preacher. My association with preachers has always been exceedingly pleasant both socially and in our relationship while ministering to the sick.

When quite young, in fact, until I was about seventeen years of age, I thought very seriously of entering the ministry myself, but finally gave up the idea because I came to the conclusion that I had no divine call and that my impression was something which had its origin in my own mind. One reason for this conclusion probably was that I had no talent for public speaking and felt that if God intended that I preach he would have certainly endowed me in that respect to some extent.

One day while at my work as a wool sorter in the Mississippi cotton and woolen mills at Wesson, the thought struck me suddenly and forcibly that I was to study medicine. This was when I was seventeen years of age and never after that day was there any doubt as to my course.

I was the first doctor in the Purser generation having graduated from Tulane in 1897 and have seen the most marvelous progress in that field of science known to any age since the dawn of time.

The average span of life during this forty years has been increased from thirty-seven years to the present average of forty-eight years due to the vast amount of research work on the part of the medical profession.

Just as examples I mention such scourges as typhoid fever, small pox, diphtheria, yellow fever, malaria, rabies, tetanus and tuberculosis, each of which was taking its yearly toll of multiplied thousands, all which except tuberculosis are now practically under complete control and that dreaded malady is rapidly being conquered.

During those early years of my practice I have seen many homes with from one to a half dozen victims in bed at the same time when the full capacity of the medical fraternity was exhausted in its endeavor to care for the afflicted.

During those dark days I never saw a preacher show the white feather no matter how long the hours nor whether day or night he might be called upon to visit and pray with those in distress.

We of this day, unless we were

of that day also, can not realize the real gravity of the situation existing then. Not only because of the preacher's work as above mentioned, but because of what he stands for he is a necessity in the set-up of society. This world without you would be a very poor place in which to live.

You not only preach the highest standard of morals but a religion which brings forth morals of the highest type. No man can deny the truth of the teachings of Christ, even those who express doubt about his divine birth do not do that, and if his teachings which were backed up by his life were used as a model for and practiced by the human race, this world would be that Utopia toward which the ultra optimist has always looked forward.

It is toward such an end that you men are working and without your tremendous influence the world, though bad enough, would be many times worse. This of course is common knowledge and the world owes you a debt of gratitude.

Speaking more specifically, the doctor sees the preacher under the most trying circumstances in the sick room. On many occasions the doctor as well as the patient needs him and finds a source of great satisfaction in his presence.

This relationship of preacher and patient requires tact, especially where the condition is one of gravity. Those of us who have gone through severe and near fatal illness are in a position to realize the importance of this.

Patients are very easily influenced by what is said to them and so far as their physical condition is concerned, unless we can say something encouraging we had better not mention their condition at all. To illustrate this point, if you will pardon a personal reference, I would like to give you my own experience sixteen years ago when my two children were in their freshman years at college, my son hoping to study medicine and my daughter to go through college for a degree. Of course as with all fathers my greatest ambition was to see their desires accomplished.

I was suddenly taken quite sick. One doctor made one diagnosis and a second one made another, either one of which would prove fatal. These diagnoses were made known to me and my condition grew rapidly worse for about two weeks. Could not eat, suffered great pain, lost weight rapidly and could see my doom in the not distant future.

I was taken to New Orleans to a man whom I had known for many years and in whom I had great faith.

After spending the night in the hospital I was visited by this doctor the next morning who after making his examination said something in one short sentence that meant more to me than any set of words had ever meant to me before and the sentence is here quoted, "Purser you have only an acute condition and you will be well in a short time." I had always known that the mind had great influence over the functions of the body but, I did not know until that moment how great that influence was. I

was completely changed in a moment. I was lifted from the valley to the mountain top. My appetite returned and from that time forward my improvement was marvelous.

I mention this incident to press the point of the importance of the patient's mental attitude and show how easy it is for us to mold this attitude for his benefit or his detriment.

I have been called upon many times to treat preachers and their families and it gives me pleasure to say that without an exception they have been cooperative and have shown their appreciation of the services rendered. Naturally I hold them in the highest esteem and admire them for their worth. Truly it may be said of you "Ye are the salt of the earth."

There are a few other things, however, which I shall refer to briefly, things for which preachers are criticised rather frequently, but please remember that these references are not to any particular preacher and that I am not assuming the roll of tutor but am only conveying to you the expressions of some individuals who form a part of the audience. You all know that there are those who delight in bringing out the weak points of any public speaker be he preacher, politician or statesman. They also are past-masters at picking flaws in various doctrines, creeds, and codes. In some instances even these critics have good grounds for their pronouncements. Their attitude is not one of friendliness but is the outgrowth of their desire to cripple the influence of the one whom they criticise.

On the other hand there are others who have a fervent desire for your success and for the advancement of the cause you represent and who can occasionally see where improvements could be made.

For example, preachers are criticised more frequently about the manner of their delivery than most anything else. The speaker who makes the nearest approach to the conversational type is without doubt the most pleasing to the average listener. Sometimes though in moments of great enthusiasm I have seen you when trying to drive a truth into the hearts of the audience raise your voice to their fullest capacity even to the point of splitting, at the same time increasing your speed to almost a continuous flow of words and maybe at the same time pounding your fist upon the pulpit thus drowning out the very words your audience is most anxious to hear.

There is another type however, which I believe is worse than the over enthusiastic because this one has its good points, one of which is that it keeps everybody awake.

The other one is the monotonous type in which the speaker assumes a fixed tone in the beginning of the discourse and never varies from it. His subject matter may be of the highest quality but because of the monotone used, be it soft and low or loud and harsh, it exerts a soporific influence or you might say an anesthetic effect upon the audience, some of whom are utterly unable to resist and are soon resting peacefully in the arms of morphus.

I may be treading on dangerous grounds when I bring up the subject of infractions of certain rules or as we might say petty offences, but permit me to say that there is a large percent of church members who do not believe that a preacher accomplishes any good but on the contrary hurts himself, diminishes his influence and turns people away when he harshly criticises them for these offenses such as smoking, social card playing, dancing, etc. None of the women members of my family smoke, so you may see that I am not biased in my opinion on that particular offence if you may class it as such. I know of one very prominent Baptist educator who though is not a preacher made the statement that he would rather see his daughter in her casket than to see her smoking a cigarette.

In my opinion, however, because of its deleterious effect upon them physically, women should not smoke. Of course, I understand why some are so outspoken in their opposition to women smoking and that is because many women who visit places of ill-repute smoke, but why

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The preacher should pay his financial obligations promptly or where impossible should make satisfactory explanation. Not to do so destroys his influence more rapidly than most anything else, unless it is the violation of some of the moral laws which of course is exceedingly seldom, but when done is suicide.

He above everyone else should walk circumspectly and when he fails in this his influence vanishes and does so regardless of ability. He may be a wonderful preacher so far as knowledge, personality and oratory are concerned but, behind all this there must be a man of character.

Preachers are not unlike other men when it comes to being tempted and while it is the duty of all to resist temptation it behooves the preacher above all not to yield for he is the one to whom every one looks for guidance and upon whom all lean in time of distress making it absolutely essential that he keep himself unspotted from the world.

Intolerance.

"Despite the bitter fight waged against intolerance throughout all the ages, it is still with us and more intolerant than ever."

Self preservation is the first law of nature and well may it be said that egotism to the point of intolerance, especially when considering creeds is a good second.

This is a very large world with its 2,000 million people and yet it is a mere speck in the universe which is without limitation. Our astronomers with their powerful telescopes and other instruments are able to calculate the distance of the various suns and planets from us as well as from each other with as much accuracy as our engineers calculate distances between various places on this earth.

About two years ago the explosion of a star was witnessed by some astronomers and after measuring its distance from the earth they found that it took eight years for the spectacle of this explosion, traveling at the rate of 185,000 miles per second, to reach us and when we realize that were it possible for us to go to the scene of that explosion in an attempt to traverse the length and breadth of the universe, we would have made only a very small beginning of the journey. Our minds are finite but the universe is infinite, limitless. It is futile for us insignificant beings to try to fathom these things. All we can say is that we know of their existence, we know there was a power behind it all and that the same power is our creator. Who knows but that there are being like unto us on other planets. The truth of such a view can neither be authoritatively affirmed nor denied.

I have said this much in order to show how small and insignificant man is in the universe and how much in error we may be in many of our opinions, especially in view of the fact that there are so many beliefs extant in the world all of which are held by those seeking the

truth. For this reason I believe intolerance to be one of our greatest wrongs.

By expressing our intolerance and especially when done from the pulpit, we may do our own cause great harm, and actually turn away from us some who might be won to our belief. Every creed should have our respect and the fact that they do not agree with us should not cause us to love them less.

Intolerance has caused untold suffering and hardships in former times to be imposed upon, many who were too strong in their religious beliefs to fall in line with some of the religious tyrants in the past.

Many there were who preferred and accepted death in the most horrible manner, even burning at the stake.

In place of intolerance we should be sympathetic with the sponsors of those creeds which differ from us even on the basic principles of our religion.

Truths are almost daily being discovered many of which would fifty years ago have been believed impossible and those who suggested such possibilities would have been called cranks.

One of these for instance is bridled electric power which gives us hundreds of conveniences in the operation of various kinds of equipment without which we would be lost today.

Telephones, telegraph, wireless telegraphy, radio, automobiles, airplanes, cooking and lighting, X-ray and many other things too numerous to mention would not be ours.

In every field of science we find that marvelous progress has been made all of which results from that desire of mankind which has been innate in him from time immemorial to push back the veil of mystery which for centuries has shrouded from view these many blessings that were placed here by the Creator of all things at the same time that this world was brought into existence.

Since that time in that far distant past there has been a gradual evolution in the mineral and vegetable as well as the animal kingdom and along with this development has come the unfolding of the mind of man to its present state which has made it possible for him to find for himself and for his offspring these many God-given blessings.

We are indeed fortunate to be living in this, the most transitional period known to man since the world began and I dare say that there are some present on this occasion who may see other and even more marvelous accomplishments, the tops of whose masts, as it were, are beginning to appear above the horizon of our present day knowledge.

The most ardent desire of my heart is that we might keep our minds open for the reception of truths regardless of what our beliefs may have been in the past.

—BR—

Wife: "Would you like this hat turned down, dear?"

Husband: "How much is it?"

Wife: "Eleven dollars."

Husband: "Yes, turn it down."

## PATRICK

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Alvin Patrick, age 83, died Dec. 25, 1937, and was buried at Concord church, services conducted by Rev. C. C. Jones and myself.

He was married to Miss Sue Edith Myers December 26, 1880. To them were born one son who died in infancy, and four daughters—three of them living. Six grand children and two great grand children.

He joined the Baptist church at Concord 52 years ago and has been a deacon 50 years. I have been his pastor the last 25 years. He was one of the noblest, pious, godly, consecrated men I ever knew. He was ready and anxious to go home.

D. W. Moulder

—BR—

## "I KNOW YOU ARE LOST"

Student Carlos Guzman, B. B. I. New Orleans, La.

At our assignment the leader preached a wonderful sermon on the subject "The Blood of Christ." We sang and prayed although it was a very cold night and only a few people were on the streets.

After the sermon was over, I went into a saloon and started to give tracts to the men there. The men in the saloon were making fun of me and saying that their God and glory was drinking and pleasures. One said that he was an infidel, one said he was a Ku Klux Klan, and an old man who was very drunk said, "I am better than the whole crowd, I am a Catholic and a good one." I answered him with these words: "I do not doubt you are a Catholic because you are acting like one, but let me tell you something. The Bible says that unless a man be born again, leaving the worldly pleasures and having a complete change in his life, returning to God and confessing Christ as his personal Saviour, he cannot enter into the Kingdom of Heaven. I told him, "You are a lost man and you must repent and forsake your worldly pleasures, seeking only the Kingdom of God and his righteousness and all the other things shall be added unto you."

The man answered and said,

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"Young man, I think then that according to what you say, I am lost." I said, "My dear friend, there is no use of saying, I think I am lost. I do not think you are lost, I know you are a lost man and I know that Jesus is the Saviour and Friend you need." This man burst in tears and invited me to his home, telling me that if I would please see him some other time and talk to him more about his lost condition, because in the saloon the other men were laughing and making so much noise he could not receive the message with peace.

This man took the bottle of beer which he had in his hand and broke it against the table and said, "Young man, pray for me, I am quitting this foolishness from this day and by God's help I will be a better man in the future. The man went out of the saloon and got on one of the street cars and went home.

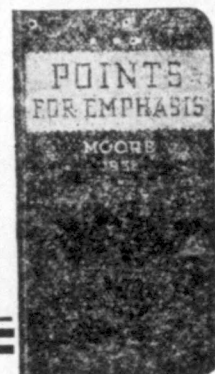
This was a wonderful experience for me.

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### A NOBLE WOMAN

Slater A. Murphy is pastor of Valence Street Baptist Church in New Orleans, and last year was quite ill in the Southern Baptist Hospital. In fact, the attending doctor said he could not live. But some friends got together and prayed to Him who is able to heal. They believed brother Murphy's life work was not ended, and they laid the case before the Heavenly Father, asking Him to bless the efforts of doctors and nurses and heal Murphy. After so long a time, one day when I visited him, Murphy smiled and said to me, "I will get well." And he told me why he believed he would get well. Today he was in my office, and, with his usual winsome smile, said, "Well, you see me now, don't you?"

But this story was not intended to be so much about Slater Murphy as about a woman member of Valence Street Church of whom he told me. It seems that her husband is worthless, and the dear woman earns a support for herself and her children. But she is ill, and has no means with which to compensate a hospital. However, Valence Street Church will aid with the payment of hospital expense; and will the Hospital help, too? What is to be done? We are crowded and our means are extremely low. Could such an appeal be repelled by a Baptist hospital, representing some four million members? Are we ready to fulfill the Master's command to "heal the sick"? Anyhow, the request made by brother Murphy was granted, and the woman blessed.

We need additional facilities for the care of such cases. We have been signally blessed of God in our efforts. We have never closed a year with a deficit. Bond payments always have been made the day the payments were due, both principal and interest. We owe relatively little now, and we need an additional building ever so much.

### A MISSIONARY TRIBUTE

J. J. Cowsert is Director Interino of the Casa Publicadora Baptista (which seems to be "Baptist Publishing House") in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil. He writes, in part: "We have received a letter from our girls Helen Elizabeth and Ester Ruth telling us of the fine treatment you gave them while in the Hospital. Mrs. Cowsert and I appreciate it more than we can tell you. We have heard so much about the work of the Southern Baptist Hospital from the missionaries who have been treated there that it makes us want to go there even if we do not have the slightest pain. Our prayers go with you in this noble work."

This Hospital's contribution to Foreign Missions is in taking care of missionaries and their children who need hospitalization. This service has never cost either the Foreign or the Home Board one dollar. And it is a joy to cooperate with these yoke-fellows who go down to the battle's front, risking their lives. When one contributes to this Hospital, one gives to the ministry of missions, the ministry of education, and the ministry of healing.

### REPORT FOR OCTOBER, 1937

Operating Income .....	\$35,084.19
Cooperative Program .....	2,442.26
Gifts, etc. ....	3,494.09
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	\$41,020.54
Patients treated .....	987
Free .....	249
Free Days .....	1,576
Cost of Free Service .....	\$ 4,819.61

### SHE IS TWELVE

She is twelve years old, and was born with one of the most horrible harelips I ever saw. Efforts in the past to correct her deformity proved fruitless, and now she is in the Southern Baptist Hospital under the care of one of the most skillful plastic surgeons in the country. We believe she will be greatly improved, but it will take a long, long time, and much expense. Her father cannot pay that expense, and she is a guest of Southern Baptists.

I cannot conceive of a mother being insensible to a daughter's deformity such as is that of this child; and the mother is here with her. The mere sight of this poor, helpless lass makes an appeal that no normal human could resist. It is our earnest hope and prayer that efforts now being made in her behalf will be blessed of God: and we believe they will be. If this hospital never cared for another patient, if it should go out of business after healing this child, I would feel all its cost had not been in vain. My brethren, if it were your child, you would feel so, too. If you had seen her, I believe you would say what I have said.

But who is to pay the enormous cost of this case? I said she is a guest of Southern Baptists. I am merely your agent in the case. We have no regular income from the churches with which to meet the expense of free cases. We must earn it from "pay" beds. The demands are so many and so great that our present capacity does not enable us to earn sufficient funds for all cases. We need an additional building. Who will help us build it? Surely four million Baptists will give it to us.

### THEN WE COULD BUILD

The Southern Baptist Hospital in New Orleans needs an addition to its building. For nearly twelve years the institution has been in operation, and its growth has been beyond the fondest hope of its promoters. For nearly two years the Hospital has been doing a capacity business. Now it has to turn patients away, for lack of room.

This Hospital has never closed a year with an operating deficit. It has never defaulted in its obligations. Current bills are paid in full every month; and bonds have been paid in full at maturity every six months. In 1927 the Hospital owed more than \$800,000; in 1937 it owes \$241,000, payable semi-annually over five years. Its financial position is good, and its credit excellent.

The Hospital Commission has instructed the Superintendent to try to get \$100,000 with which to build an addition to the plant. We want to find 1,000 persons who will give us \$100 each. We will be pleased to furnish detailed information to anyone who is interested. The hundred dollars may be paid over a period of time, if it is desired to do so.

### DANGER OF MALIGNANCY

"Mrs. T. H. O., bearer of this letter, has a pelvic condition which needs surgery: for without it there is danger of malignancy." So reads the opening sentence of a communication from a good doctor received today. There followed a story of poverty, need and suffering which would have opened the heart of anyone. Would we admit her free of charge? Her church is very small and its members very poor. She was admitted, and has had the surgery. In all probability she will recover and will return to her home. But such

service costs money, much money. The Southern Baptist Hospital is the agency of Baptists to minister to just such folk in their suffering and need. Southern Baptists built the hospital, but we have to operate it so as to care for free cases. And we need an additional building to enable us to care for all those who apply. We have given free services to 17,641 persons in less than 12 years—and have never run into debt, nor closed a year with a deficit.

### RELIGION OF PATIENTS

The religious denomination of patients in the Southern Baptist Hospital in New Orleans gives an interesting light on faith. This Hospital has been in operation nearly 12 years, and in that time we have admitted 123,090 patients. Of them, those who gave their religious affiliation were as follows:

6,690 Baptists
15,133 Catholics
252 Christians
2,113 Episcopalians
2,674 Jews
3,371 Lutherans
7,083 Methodists
2,663 Presbyterians
7,275 Miscellaneous
15,411 Children under 10 years of age who gave no denomination; and
60,411 over 10 years of age who gave no denomination.

Folk in more populous Baptist districts may be surprised at the relatively small number of Baptist patients. It should be remembered that when the Hospital opened in 1926 there were only 4,000 members of our Baptist churches in this city of 500,000 population; there are more than 8,000 now.

There is a Jewish hospital, and several large Catholic hospitals in the city. The Southern Baptist Hospital is the only Protestant hospital here. I trust my friends will not censure me for this use of the word "Protestant." Selah!

### WANTS TO BE A NURSE

Here is a letter from a good woman in Texas whose daughter wants to be a nurse. The girl has completed high school, and letters from her pastor and others who know her say she is an unusually fine and capable young woman. But she has no father, and her mother is unable to bear the necessary expenses of a three-years course in our School of Nursing. The girl is ambitious, and her mother very naturally desires to have her secure a professional education. She will need a minimum of \$250 during the three years. But the Hospital has no scholarships, and is unable to help her. Here is a fine opportunity for someone who wants to help a deserving girl to get an education. Name and address will be furnished anyone who is interested.

The Home Mission Board operates a Woman's Home in New Orleans, and gives shelter to many unmarried mothers-to-be. These unfortunate girls are hospitalized free by the Southern Baptist Hospital—a ministry of mercy in connection with the mission work.

The Southern Baptist Hospital gives free hospitalization to the children from the Protestant Home for Babies in New Orleans—and often finds excellent Christian homes for the little waifs who have been cast adrift in the world. "One of the least."

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